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## Gauchos on parade

Last Friday marked homecoming at El Cerrito High School, and that meant a parade complete with marching band and floats for each of the class years. Right, Jonathan Klaassen Jr. carries the bass drum as the Gauchos marching band travels the parade route. Below, each class year had a float themed to a different city and the sophomore class chose Hollywood. Paparazzi Julianne Drago photographs Ashley Johnson, dressed up to be Audrey Hepburn. The junior class chose New York and the senior class came up with a winning entry depicting San Francisco, complete with fog machine.

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## Panel may be picked to give financial advice

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — The Services for the 21st Century Committee of the Whole is considering a proposal to recommend establishment of a Financial Advisory Committee to advise the City Council on financial and budgetary matters. Described as a "permanent and independent" advisory body in a preliminary subcommittee report, the advisory group would report directly to the City Council.

The Financial Review Team preliminary proposal calls for a five-member Financial Advisory Committee, with each member of the City Council appointing a member. "The Financial Advisory Committee will advise council on matters directly involving or relating to the fiscal status of the city," the proposal states.

This Financial Advisory Committee will have access to the financial data of the city that is not prohibited by law," the proposal adds. The committee would likely advise the council on such matters as city infrastructure and capital needs, fiscal planning and forecasting, and budget documents and process.

The proposal is still in an early stage, and its wording and exact content is still being drafted by the Financial Review Team. The eventual proposal will be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole for discussion and possible amendment and revision. Any proposal the Committee of the Whole approves would then be sent to the City Council for consideration.

Originally, the Financial Review Team envisioned a March 2000 ballot measure to ask voters to approve an El Cerrito

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## Albany garbage fees going up next month

ALBANY — Beginning in November, consumers will pay 3.3 percent more per month to have trash collected, and paper, glass, plastic and green waste recycled.

According to Dave McDonald, Executive Vice President of Waste Management of Alameda County, the fee increase will amount to 17 cents.

Albany residents currently pay a fixed rate of \$16.51 per month per barrel of trash, an amount that will go up five cents. Included in that figure is the cost of recycling paper, plastic and glass, according to McDonald.

Recycling "green waste," such as yard trimmings, will increase 12 cents per month.

Customers are charged for green waste recycling regardless of whether they make use of the service or not due to provisions of a contract signed by

Waste Management and the City of Albany.

City Administrator Daren Fields said the California legislature mandated cities to reduce their "waste stream" 50 percent by the year 2000.

Fields said cities must reach that goal or be fined \$10,000 a day.

"It's another unfunded state mandate that forces local governments to pass on the costs to its residents," Fields said. "This is nothing new or different."

"We have to pay the costs of the program," Fields said, "and everybody needs to share in the costs because the entire city is under the order."

McDonald said Waste Management's fee increase is due to a provision in its contract with Albany that pegs increases to the consumer price index.

For more information: 613-8710.

## EL CERRITO ELECTION 1999

### Candidates get final say at forum

By J.R. Deaton

EL CERRITO — The four candidates vying for two three-year City Council posts met again this week to discuss the issues. Co-sponsored by the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, the Richmond Area League of Women Voters and the Women's Club of El Cerrito, the "meet the candidates night" on Monday was attended by more than 50 people and was also televised on local cable.

The four candidates, Janet Abelson, Letitia Moore, Beatrice O'Keefe and Kathleen Perka, essentially stayed on message and reiterated familiar campaign themes.

The candidates agree on general matters such as El Cerrito's need to repair and maintain aging infrastructure and pursue economic development, but questions from the audience emphasized those areas.

The four were asked it is realistic to "pin your hopes" on getting a department store for El Cerrito and if a department store is worth the "substantial subsidy" it would require.

"We don't know if department stores always require a substantial subsidy," O'Keefe contended, and Perka said it is "realistic to hope that we are going to get a

department store, or we can get a department store."

"It's a possibility," she said, "and don't assume what they want without asking them."

Despite contentions to the contrary, Moore and Abelson said Gottschalks had indeed asked for a subsidy and Moore questioned the wisdom of "one-use in a very large building" that a department store would represent. "We continue to have discussions about big boxes when

we don't want big box in our community," Moore said, adding of the Gottschalks discussions, "That proposal involved a public subsidy." Abelson said the Gottschalks plan would have required a subsidy that included no-cost land, building pad preparation and a limit on common-area fees.

In response to a question about the

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### Kathie Perka

I am a 21-year homeowner in El Cerrito and am running for City Council because I believe in El Cerrito's future and am committed to making a difference. I want to make sure El Cerrito continues to be a safe and desirable place for our residents and businesses. I initiated the petition drive that collected over 10,000 signatures to attract a quality department store to El Cerrito. My ongoing discussions with Gottschalks indicate that they are still interested and several new concepts have emerged that are encouraging. As a council member, I will energetically work to make this a reality and Mayor Brusatori and Councilman Damon have indicated they will work with me in this effort.

As many of you read in The Journal last week, Mr. Joe Levy, Chairman of Gottschalks sent a letter to Mayor Brusatori reiterating their continued

### Letitia Moore

Our city is a gem that just needs some polishing. It is a friendly, safe and stable community that offers charming neighborhoods, many parks and open spaces, beautiful views, neighborhood schools (both public and private), and many public transit options (two BART stations, AC Transit, Vallejo Transit, and Golden Gate Transit). Now we must prepare to move forward into the next century.

This past spring, as an El Cerrito Planning Commissioner, I voted to approve a Plaza revitalization plan that will bring major retailers to our city with no need for a financial subsidy from the taxpayers. My successful efforts to move the Plaza upgrade from plan to reality, as well as my work on the General Plan update, the Del Norte Planning Task Force, and the Idaho Apartments Neighborhood Advisory Group demonstrate the commitment I will bring to re-energizing our

### Bea O'Keefe

El Cerrito needs to "Get back to Basics". We need to Revitalize our Business Community, Restore Fiscal Responsibility and Repair our Aging Infrastructure.

I have been a home owner and community activist in El Cerrito for 22 years. My son John attended local public schools.

I've served as your elected Director for the Stege Sanitary district for 12 years, currently as president. During that time we met mandated EPA water discharge standards 10 years ahead of schedule and \$8 million below estimated cost. We instituted a \$700,000 per year rehabilitation program of our aging sewers while retaining one of the lowest rates in the area.

I hold a BS degree from UC Berkeley, a Masters in business finance and work as a clinical laboratory scientist. I have the proven fiscal know how and experi-

### Janet Abelson

I am running for City Council because of my deep, long-standing commitment to our community's future and my desire to use my skills to meet the challenges El Cerrito faces, namely:

- Making sure the revitalization of the Plaza proceeds with speed

- The need to maintain high quality police and fire protection

- Our aging recreational facilities and programs

- Expansion of our economic vitality to add revenue and increase shopping opportunities for our residents.

- Enhancing our community's livability by addressing traffic, transportation, and open space issues.

Over the years, I have been an active volunteer, most recently as a member of the City Planning Commission and Chair of Earth Day activities. I am always ready to listen to the needs and desires of our

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# Opinion

## VIEWPOINT

### Speak out for campus officer before the opportunity is lost

By Dave Greer

In these perilous times you would think the proposal to put a school resource officer—a police officer that is—on the Albany High School campus would be a slam dunk. Police Chief Larry Murdo has gotten a three-year \$125,000 Cops in Schools Grant from the Department of Justice. The city and the Albany Unified School District would pickup the rest of the tab with the AUSD paying just \$12,199 for each of the first two years and \$15,588 for the third year. This is a terrific deal. And if the plan is not deemed successful, it can be terminated at any time.

Anticipating the objections of those who tremble at the thought of an armed officer regularly on campus, Murdo crafted a program in which the officer has a low profile. He would wear blue Dockers, a jersey with a police emblem but no badge, and keep his gun concealed. The chief says he is open to further suggestions on clothing. Mine is that the officer could blend in better if he wore his cap backwards and his pants so baggy they were in danger of falling off.

In a further effort to make the SRO proposal attractive to school authorities, Murdo has stipulated that they, "may select all the duties and responsibilities of the SRO while performing in course and scope of employment as a SRO on and about AUSD properties." This is very inclusive with the only caveat being that there be no conflict with state or federal regulations.

Although the primary duty of the officer is to protect the lives of all on campus in the event of trouble, he has many other important duties as "resource" officer. Like firemen whose goal is to prevent fires rather than fight them, this officer will be well placed to head off calamitous events and decrease the drug abuse and violence which exist in all high schools, including ours. So who is objecting to this dream deal?

Any students involved with drugs or other forms of antisocial behavior are not going to want a cop around. Opponents of the SRO claim that most students say they oppose the idea. This is possible since a certain amount of rebellion against adult authority—and police in particular—is normal for teenagers. Backing authority figures just isn't cool and never was.

When I was in high school in the innocent 1940s, I partied with friends and sometimes drove one home who played his trumpet out the car window. The police caught up with me and told me to knock it off, which I did. I wasn't a bad kid, but I would have voted against having a cop on campus lest her further curtail my lifestyle. Other issues would not have impressed me. Kids don't always know what is best for them, which is why God gave them parents, school administrators, and policemen.

The vocal opposition to the SRO proposal comes from adults. Many simply don't want to believe that there are serious problems at Albany High or that a tragedy like that at Columbine High could happen here. It shakes up their conception of a safe and insular Albany, makes them wonder if they should have paid that much for the house. My wife and I are saddened by the fact that the country has become so much more dangerous than it was in 1979 when our son graduated

## Man About Town

By Dave Greer

from AHS. And yet it has, Albany is not an island, and denial is ever the road to rude awakening.

The political left also opposes the SRO program, but on ideological grounds. Viewing the police with distrust and dislike, they traditionally fight any extension of police services. This syndrome erupted in the 1960s in Berkeley and continues today. As more of those afflicted with Berkeley-think move into Albany, issues that used to be argued on their merits alone are increasingly being viewed through this ideological prism.

Dario Maniketti summed up the gut feeling of these SRO opponents at a recent Board of Education meeting when he charged that a cop on campus would produce "a police state atmosphere." Another speaker with sons in Berkeley and Albany highs said that the SRO would create a "war zone mentality" and "alarm in the community."

I think the only ones to be alarmed by this proposal are the thugs who would be separated from their drugs and victims and those whose knees go into spasms at the thought of an increased police presence signaling a lost battle in the on-going culture war.

While opinions differ about some conditions on campus, there is agreement among school officials, police, and others in the know that there are drugs and a worrisome level of anger present. Albany High has also experienced beatings, intimidations, gangs, a drive-by shooting, and chronic problems with outsiders. The public seldom gets wind of these incidents, as school administrators are remarkably adept at sweeping them under the rug, and papers shy away from stories about juveniles.

Les Rogers, retired AHS teacher and vice principal—the one who handled the hard cases—went to the heart of the matter telling the board that, "The real issue is the safety of the kids and faculty. There are serious safety issues which have been played down. Albany is not any different from any other community."

Rogers added that he sometimes feared being shot when dealing with violent kids. We should relieve brave educators like him of a burden they were never meant to bear and place it where it belongs: on a police officer trained and equipped to handle it.

Jennifer Adams, who has seen many drug deals and brawls in Memorial Park in her years there with Recreation and Community Services, urged the SRO as an "insurance policy." We can never fully insure the safety of students and staff at AHS, but a specially trained police officer on campus can be expected to reduce current level of drugs and violence and raise the odds significantly against having a Columbine High type tragedy.

Further public input will be sought at a meeting next Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 7 p.m. in Cornell School. The school board has set Nov. 16 as a tentative date for a final vote on the matter which must be resolved by Dec. 1 or the grant will be lost. This opportunity can also be lost if enough people who want this very cheap insurance policy for their children do not speak up now.

## Statement misleading and false

Mayor Gina Brusatori's statement in her column last week that a letter from Gottschalks "refutes the allegation that Gottschalks asked for a large subsidy from the city" is so misleading and factually false that it demands a response. When the City Council asked the owners of El Cerrito Plaza what it would take to get a department store in the Plaza, they gave the city a letter dated June 26, 1998, from Gottschalks in which Gottschalks stated that it would require free rent, additional parking spaces to be provided by others at no cost to Gottschalks, and extremely reduced below market common area maintenance charges. The initial subsidy to Gottschalks was between \$5 million and \$10 million. The subsidy for reduced common area charges was around \$175,000 a year. The Plaza owners told the City Council that they would not subsidize Gottschalks and specifically asked if the city would do so instead.

Indeed, they asked this question at a City Council meeting with Brusatori present. In fact, Joe Levy, the chairman of Gottschalks and the author of the letter Brusatori had published, was also present. Levy did not get up and tell us that Gottschalks did not want such a subsidy. On the contrary, he confirmed the need for such a subsidy for Gottschalks to come to the Plaza.

When the Plaza owners refused to give Gottschalks a subsidy, Brusatori actually asked the public at a City Council meeting if it was willing to pay \$200 a year in a parcel tax for at least 20 years to have Gottschalks come to El Cerrito. She stated that she had calculated this amount as the average yearly parcel assessment for each homeowner in El Cerrito necessary to bring Gottschalks to El Cerrito. She pointed out that without this taxpayer subsidy, the city had no money in its coffers to pay for Gottschalks to come to El Cerrito, hence the need for the \$200 a year tax.

Even more disturbing than Brusatori's convenient amnesia about her own statements is the fact that Gottschalks has now taken sides in our local election for its own gain. Levy's letter in the paper last week clearly showed that Gottschalks wants Kathie Perka elected. The reason is obvious.

Gottschalks wants to get a City Council that will support a public subsidy for it to come to El Cerrito at a different location from the Plaza. Brusatori stated as much at the Jan. 11, 1999 Redevelopment Agency Meeting/City Council meeting, when she said that she wanted to use tax dollars "to attract a department store somewhere else in the city." So the question for voters to ask themselves is whether a vote for Perka is worth a \$200 yearly hit in their pocket book to give Gottschalks free rent, free parking, and reduced yearly maintenance charges. I certainly don't think it is.

Finally, for the record and in case readers do not know, I have endorsed Letitia Moore and Janet Abelson for City Council in part because they do not represent a special interest and have broad support from all groups and citizens including Sierra Club, National Organization for Women, El Cerrito Professional Firefighters Association, and the West County Business and Professional Association to name a few.

Norman La Force  
El Cerrito City council member

## Candidate has needed experience

Vote for Bea O'Keefe for El Cerrito City Council on Nov. 2. I've worked with Bea on the Stege Sanitary District Board for 11 years. Bea is smart, dedicated and has made the decisions that led to Stege receiving the California Association of Sanitation Agencies' 1999 Award for Innovation.

Bea is the only candidate with proven experience in directing a municipal agency. We need her leadership to solve the serious problems facing our city of revitalizing our business community, restoring fiscal responsibility and repairing our aging infrastructure.

Don West  
El Cerrito

## Department store not a real issue

Department stores typically require large subsidies to locate in any community. In the unlikely event that Gottschalks would actually bring a department store to El Cerrito without a multi-million dollar public subsidy, there are sites available, and Gottschalks is welcome to purchase one and build a store. But if Gottschalks requires a multi-million dollar public subsidy, then it is a bad

Don West  
El Cerrito

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economic deal for El Cerrito and should be rejected. If it makes economic sense, then El Cerrito will get a department store, regardless of who serves on the City Council.

There are real issues in the City Council campaign, and a department store is not one of them. Let's focus on electing two candidates who have great leadership abilities and a positive track record of accomplishments. Vote for Letitia Moore and Janet Abelson for El Cerrito City Council.

Brad Cafel  
El Cerrito

## Positive vision for city's future

I am proud to support Kathie Perka for a seat on the El Cerrito City Council. Kathie has both vision and energy to bring positive change to El Cerrito. Her tireless effort to attract a department store to the Plaza is proof she is willing to work for change. Her vision for the future of the city is shared by those who support her.

Kathie has acknowledged the financial problems facing the city and will be a positive force in finding solutions. She is not willing to continue the status quo that has plagued the council, but instead will look for new and innovative ideas to help bring financial solvency to the city.

While there are other candidates who want your vote, clearly Kathie is the most qualified. She is committed to the city and will make sound decisions that will effect the quality of life we all enjoy in El Cerrito.

This is an important election! You can help change the status quo by electing Kathie Perka to the El Cerrito City Council. See you at the poll on Nov. 2!

W. Mae Ritz  
campaign manager,  
former mayor and council member,  
El Cerrito

## Candidates of honesty, integrity

Records show a letter from Gottschalks requiring a subsidy to come to El Cerrito, so it is welcome news to our citizens that they are now coming to El Cerrito without one. With such news, you expect in good faith that they have started negotiations and picked a prime location. Your anticipation for this to happen is the same as if you had heard that they intend to build El Cerrito a new swimming pool as well.

Janet Abelson and Letitia Moore are two of the most dedicated and intelligent people I have met in El Cerrito. They have my complete respect for their honesty and integrity. They have the interests of every citizen of El Cerrito at their hearts. I join the honorable George Miller, Dion Aroner, John Gioia, the El Cerrito Professional Firefighters Association, the Sierra Club and the majority of the El Cerrito in my endorsement of Janet Abelson and Letitia Moore for City Council.

Rita Minjares  
El Cerrito

## A tireless crusader for El Cerrito

Rarely is one presented with an opportunity to do so much good and undo so much that's less than good with something so simple as a quick trip to the polls. This is that opportunity; it's why I'm writing today, enthusiastically and emphatically, to recommend Kathie Perka as the most sensible, responsible, prudent, and overall best choice for City Council. She is indeed "the best for El Cerrito."

As a citizen, Perka has shown herself to be a tireless crusader for El Cerrito. I had the good fortune to meet and work with Kathie as a member of the General Plan Process Team. Disgusted with staff's bungling and M.I.G.'s substandard work, I resigned from that group in protest, but Kathie stayed on through the project's end, providing a calm voice, endless patience, and doing the work staff wouldn't or couldn't. While reasonable people certainly can find things to quarrel about in the General Plan that the City Council finally adopted, one fact is beyond debate: What the plan does right is a direct result of Kathie's level-headed leadership and selfless, dedicated work.

As Journal readers well know, it was Kathie who gathered over 10,000 signatures—an eyelash less than half of El Cerrito's population—to bring a major department store to El Cerrito Plaza.

It was Kathie whose leadership, in the form of hard work, patient analysis, coalition-building and good business sense, brought Gottschalks to the table, ready to sign on as the anchor store for "the Plaza that could have been: at absolutely no cost

to El Cerrito. Sadly, a citizen working in an unelected capacity can only do so much. Watching Gottschalks slip through the City Council's fingers demonstrated how badly we need real leadership in El Cerrito, the kind of leadership that understands how to get business to come to the table, and once at the table, how to keep it there, without throwing fiscal sense to the wind to buy big boxes. Kathie Perka will provide that leadership.

Put another way, Gina Brusatori supports Kathie Perka. Larry Damon supports Kathie Perka. Jane Bartke and Norman LaForce don't. Vote your conscience. This one's easy.

David Kippen  
El Cerrito

## Abelson for betterment of El Cerrito

My vote on Nov. 2 is for Janet Abelson. I have worked directly over the years with Janet on El Cerrito's Earth Day Celebration and the Harding Elementary School PTA's board. Team approach, professionalism, thoroughness and dedication characterize my observations of her work style. She is easy and fun to work with. I feel Janet is genuinely interested in the betterment of El Cerrito.

Joann Steck-Bayat  
El Cerrito

## Shares concerns about city's future

As a senior who has lived in El Cerrito for 36 years, I'm placing my trust with Kathie Perka. She is a 21-year homeowner who shares my concern about El Cerrito's future. She demonstrated her sincere interest in El Cerrito by personally securing over 10,000 signatures on her petition to bring a department store to El Cerrito Plaza.

Kathie believes in El Cerrito's future and has proven she's willing to work for it. If elected to the City Council, she will invest in our city's valued assets and encourage balanced economic growth that meets the needs of the community.

Kathie is not status quo!  
Vote for Kathie Perka on Nov. 2.

Gus Moore  
El Cerrito

## El Cerrito at a crossroads

This is a crucial election for El Cerrito. We've got some tough problems to solve over the next few years, and we need creative and insightful leaders who can balance competing demands and make difficult decisions. I have seen all four candidates in action at dozens of community meetings over the past several years, and it is clear to me who our new leaders should be. Please join me in voting on Nov. 2 for Janet Abelson and Letitia Moore for City Council.

Rose Lernberg  
El Cerrito

## Avoid the mistakes of the past

Will you do some serious thinking before voting in the El Cerrito election? El Cerrito needs to calm down and begin to focus on the development of its businesses and tax base in order to have the funds we need to improve the services to El Cerrito residents.

If we elect Bea O'Keefe and Kathie Perka to our City Council, we will have council members that are interested in attracting new business to El Cerrito and to improving the tax base and services to El Cerrito residents. Both O'Keefe and Perka are long-time residents of El Cerrito who have dedicated a lot of time and effort to civic affairs. These are the people that we need to work with our current council members Larry Damon, Gina Brusatori and Mark Friedman to get things moving in El Cerrito.

If candidate Letitia Moore were elected, she would not be representing El Cerrito's taxpayers. Moore does not own a home in El Cerrito and she has only lived in the community for three years. How can a non-homeowner make decisions on projects that directly affect taxpayers? If Janet Abelson were elected, she would be a one issue representative who already has too many jobs representing this one issue.

Please, El Cerritans, let's make sure that we do not make the mistakes that we made four years ago. Let's get El Cerrito back on the right track. Vote for Bea O'Keefe and Kathie Perka as our newest members to the El Cerrito City Council.

Bob Winslow  
El Cerrito

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Programs make a difference, not an officer

Recently, the San Francisco Unified School District received one of 54 U.S. school district grants for \$2.7 million that must be used by the district to prevent youth violence in its schools. \* Ever since the Columbine incident,

there has been a huge push for preventing youth violence in schools, which is illustrated by this new bill.

In no way do I advocate against preventing youth violence, but there is a very real fear of the way the schools that receive these grants will implement them.

With this money, many schools are going to invest in metal detectors, security guards, chained doors, and blocked access roads.

These anti-violence measures, unless the school is incredibly violent, which San Francisco schools are not, instead work adversely against solving violence in schools.

Last year, when the Albany school district proposed having a resource officer (a.k.a. cop) who would supposedly end Albany High's "violence" problems, school board members obviously did not examine the true consequences of this proposal.

Students will not just stop the "violent" or "disruptive" behaviors. Incidents might even increase because it has been proven that when you make students feel like outcasts or criminals, they are much quicker to act like one.

Politicians continue to use Columbine as an example for why they enforce such measures. But do you really think that the gunmen would have stopped and turned around, already packed with their

automatic weapons, because they realized that Columbine just got a new metal detector?

What the gunmen in the Columbine incident needed was some guidance and help. This is what most troubled students need.

What they don't need is to be made to feel more like a criminal and an outcast by being profiled and followed around by a cop, who in the opinion of many, has no place in the

school environment.

San Francisco and the other cities who were blessed to receive this grant should use it on violence prevention, but they need to make sure that what they do with the money actually prevents violence.

The money must be used to create different after school programs, create counseling for troubled stu-

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson, 1787

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## VIEWPOINT

# Meeting the demands of a bond measure

**By Larry Damon**  
EL CERRITO CITY COUNCILMAN  
**Y**ears of deferred maintenance have brought the El Cerrito Swim Center to a deplorable condition. If something isn't done soon, it will have to be closed permanently.

The public restrooms at Huber, Poinsett and Harding Parks are locked shut because they do not comply with current Americans with Disabilities Act requirements.

Canyon Trail Park Clubhouse is closed until structural repairs and several necessary upgrades are made. It is senseless to continue as we are; something has to be done.

Recognizing this, last Monday the El Cerrito City Council agreed to consider a \$5.3 million bond measure for the March 2, 2000, ballot. That was the easy part. The hard part, under Proposition 218, is convincing two-thirds of the El Cerrito's voters to accept a tax increase that will pay the \$5.3 million tab.

Reactions vary. Some feel the cost is inflated. Others, even pool users, worried that the overall cost will defeat the measure, feel many of the added amenities are unnecessary. And, of course, there are questions of priority.

The Soccer League believes a playing field should take precedence, while others are concerned that the \$10.6 million street repair program is more important. Some are anticipating things like the unknown costs for seismic retrofit of the Public Safety Building. Indeed, the needs of our decaying infrastructure abound as the legacy of past practices and neglect.

But we have to start somewhere, and the Swim Center is the first to have gone through a very deliberate evaluation process insisted upon by the citizen led Services for the 21st Century Committee, or the "CoW" (Committee of the Whole) as it is more commonly known. The 1996 defeat of Measure H made it clear that citizen confidence in the city's financial operations was at an all time low. The council created the CoW to examine these operations, make recommendations and, in the process, restore public confidence so new tax measures could get the necessary majority. Towards this end, the CoW outlined a process by which costs could be more accurately estimated. The Parks and Recreation Commission took this outline and developed it into a very rigorous procedure; a procedure that can now be applied to evaluating all our restoration programs.

Even with this, the City Council felt that several additional issues, such as financing, had to be addressed. The council formed a Public Facilities Task Force to examine the matter more closely. The Parks and Recreation Commission, the Pool Users, the CoW and opposing factions on the council were all represented. The Task Force's recommendations were well received by the council at its Oct. 18 meeting.

The council also requested that the City look into its coffers to see how it could contribute its fair share to convince the voters that this isn't just a bail out. The city has to feel the same pinch the voters do. So it cannot be said that this matter is being approached lightly.

This does not mean, however, that public doubt has been eliminated or that no questions remain. Indeed, they do, and in the coming months these questions will have to be addressed if a bond measure is to pass. Questions like, "How did things get to their present state?", "Was it bad policy, poor management or both?", "Where did all the money go?" and, "What is this council (or, better yet, the next council) going to do about it so it doesn't happen again?" Good, fair and honestly stated questions. The answers will have to be the same.

But, will they? A lot depends on the next council. Will it be a council that reflects the methods and policies of the past, the very things that created our presently deteriorated conditions? Or a will it be a council that openly and fairly examines past mistakes and comes forward with effective long term solutions? Those fearful of exposure are aggressively characterizing examination of past practices as the "politics of blame." Nonsense! If we do not objectively and blamelessly assess past mistakes, we are bound to repeat them. We should learn from them and go forward.

And, while all the candidates claim to support these standards, by examining their respective endorsements one can easily determine where they really stand. The upcoming election will determine whether the next council will meet the public's demand for disclosure, truth and accountability as a prior condition to passing any tax measure. With an estimated \$20 million of deteriorated infrastructure to rebuild, it all comes down to, "Who do you trust?" Those who, over the last 10 or 20 years, put us where we are? Or, those who will fearlessly answer the questions necessary to move forward? The respective endorsements tell the tale. Look closely before you vote.

But, by all means, vote.

# Deciding the future of El Cerrito

**By Pat Cafetel**

**E**l Cerrito faces many challenges and decisions in the near future. But the real issue in the City Council election is the meaning of community. Will we face the future strong and united, or will the central concept of community be placed in jeopardy?

There are many dedicated volunteers who have worked quietly and effectively for years to make a better community for everyone. They do not look for glory or recognition. They are the true El Cerrito heroes.

Many of these good people are now becoming discouraged with the negative, personal, and petty nature of El Cerrito politics as it stands today. There is a concerted effort on the part of a small group of very vocal people to frame the issues in a nasty, negative, and accusatory fashion. In other words, rather than look for creative solutions, they look for someone to blame. While we can all learn from the past, the obsession to endlessly examine and re-examine the past counter-productive, and nothing

good can come from it.

Issues should be explored in an open, honest and positive fashion, in a framework of respect and civility. The model for El Cerrito can be one of teamwork, cooperation, and trust.

I believe there are compelling reasons to vote in the El Cerrito City Council election. And I believe there is a clear choice among the candidates. There are only two candidates who believe in cooperation, not recrimination. Rather than dwelling on the past, they look to the future. They have made real contributions as community volunteers. They also bring strong leadership that has won them the endorsements of many organizations, elected representatives, and community leaders, including George Miller, Dion Aroner, John Gioia, the El Cerrito Professional Firefighters Association, and the Sierra Club.

Please vote as though the future of El Cerrito depends on it, because it does. If you believe in a positive approach to the future of our community, vote for Letitia Moore and Janet Abelson.

# Letters

FROM PAGE A4

conflict resolution and other measures that make the school a nurturing and fun environment instead of a constricting and harassing one.

**Matt Haney** is editorial page editor of *The Cougar*, the student newspaper at Albany High School.

## Adding, not subtracting a resource at AHS

Last evening I attended the Albany Unified School Board meeting concerning the issue of placing a School Resource Officer (SRO) on the Albany High School campus.

It was surprising to hear any opposition toward providing another resource to our children. It seems that we often ask for more resources to be available to our children, but should it only be in the form of sports or music? While I totally support those programs as well, I hear the students asking for something else. Clearly a SRO program is needed.

How can we think a SRO program couldn't be helpful? We are adding another resource for these young adults and not taking anything away. It is there for them.

How can a positive, compassionate person and police officer such as Officer Ayers (the proposed SRO) have a negative impact on these students?

Ayers spoke passionately of this community of which he is a lifelong resident, his position as a police officer and mostly the young people,

many of whom he has coached in sports.

In a closing statement, Robert Outis took the microphone for the second time that evening, solely to criticize Ayers after he spoke with great emotion for this program and the young people of Albany.

It seems as though Outis is taking his personal hatred for this program and attacking it in any way that can.

This irrational behavior is a true example of why we need this resource the SRO program, to help our young students grow into fine, rational adults.

**Charlotte Ayers**  
Albany

## Lower Solano recovery

I have had an art studio at San

Pablo and Solano for 25 years, and I have watched the area go from the center of all things Albany, to an area with eight empty storefronts shuttered for protection, trying not to be hit by graffiti. The whole sewer-side walk project is over now, but it could have been handled much better. Do we park diagonally or parallel? Which is a one-way street and why is the sign up 10 feet high?

Now we need to get on with life and business, but the new game is street cleaning. One side of several streets is to be cleaned, the cones go out and people don't park on that street. Around 10 a.m., the street sweeper goes down the street at 35 mph.

Look for yourself the next day and see if anything is clean. Then they come by and ticket anyone who has the bad luck of coming to shop in the afternoon and does not see the small cones placed 100 feet apart.

one would now try to deny that bringing in Gottschalks would have required a large government subsidy. I'm sure Gottschalks didn't care whether the money came from the Plaza owners or the taxpayers of El Cerrito, so in that sense it's true that they didn't ask the city to subsidize them. But that's playing word games.

Gottschalks demanded a subsidy from somebody, and given the owners' refusal to fund it, Brusatori, Perka, Damon, Levy and everybody else knew that meant the money would come ultimately from the public if we wanted to bring in the store.

While it seems unbelievable that anyone would try to get away with trying to rewrite the record by suggesting that no public subsidy was called for, when you remember that Brusatori is supporting Perka for City Council, her motive for presenting her bizarre revisionist

version of history is clear: To acknowledge the truth that a multi-million dollar government subsidy would have been needed to get Gottschalks to come to the city would expose the weakness of Perka's campaign. Perka is a single-issue candidate whose claim to fame is that she circulated a petition which showed that there was a lot of public interest in finding a department store to replace the defunct Emporium.

There's more. A month later, at the Aug. 3, 1998, Redevelopment Agency meeting, revised figures were presented that showed that even without the parking component and with Gottschalks picking up a larger share of the common area maintenance costs, the remaining subsidy required to bring in a department store would still have been about \$4.5 million to \$4.9 million. During the public comment period, Kathie Perka called the payment to Gottschalks a "subsidy." And during comments by agency members (who are also the City Council members), there was extensive discussion of the fact that the city did not have the money required to subsidize the Gottschalks plan.

Larry Damon, another Perka supporter, said that even though he had supported her effort to bring in Gottschalks, the city still didn't have \$4.9 million to do it. Brusatori said she preferred the Plaza owners' alternative project, which did not call for any public subsidy because she liked the idea of not using tax money. If a government subsidy was not going to be required for the Gottschalks project, then what the heck were they all talking about?

Given these facts, which are in the record, it is amazing that any-

now that no such subsidy was ever called for: I'm not even saying it would have been wrong to support Gottschalks with Redevelopment Agency money. Some people may think that's what we should have done, and that's a perfectly valid point of view. But don't try to pretend that no such subsidy was called for when the record so clearly shows that it was.

Apparently Perka's supporters have resorted to distorting the facts because when others recently reminded El Cerrito voters of the real financial consequences of bringing Gottschalks into town, Perka's single issue started looking pretty thin.

But since it's really the only thing she has to fall back on, she has to keep trying to make that Gottschalks things look good, even if it means indulging in prevarication.

El Cerrito needs council members who will be protectors of the general well-being of El Cerrito and its citizens, not a lobbyist for Gottschalks. El Cerrito needs Letitia Moore and Janet Abelson, who, as members of the El Cerrito's Planning Commission, voted to approve a Plaza revitalization plan that will bring several major retailers to our city with no government subsidy whatsoever.

That seems like a step in the right direction to me, and I frankly don't much care if I have to get my shirts and sheets at a couple of different stores at the Plaza instead of under one roof. I'd rather spend the millions on our pool, our parks, our streets, and our other services than on Gottschalks. So would Letitia and Janet. Please vote for them on Nov. 2.

Kathleen A. McKinley is an El Cerrito planning commissioner

# Forum

FROM PAGE A4

## Financial planning skills crucial for city

El Cerrito needs long-range financial planning. Bea O'Keefe has the experience to initiate that process. As a long-time member of the Stege Sanitary District Board, she helped put in place a rolling 20-year financial plan for the district. Rate payers know what to expect, and are prepared for eventual rate increases. However, in the process of developing these long-range projections, Stege was able to uncover enormous cost savings, forestalling some rate hikes.

El Cerrito needs the same sort of planning. We need real numbers for redevelopment, real numbers for repairs, not concepts. Bea O'Keefe will help the city develop multi-year budgets, and put the city back on track.

Only with sound finances will we be able to make our city work, make our city progress, and make our city a tool to help its citizens. Vote for O'Keefe!

**Dwight Merrill**  
El Cerrito

## Department store Economics 101

El Cerrito doesn't have a department store because we aren't willing to spend the \$7 million required to subsidize even a small, low-end store like Gottschalks. Not even Emeryville— which is awash in redevelopment funds— can afford to subsidize a department store, as we learned from a recent presentation to the Economic Development Task Force.

We can't turn back the clock. Department-store economics just don't work for most communities any more. El Cerrito's new economic development program must be based on realistic goals. And it must look

to the future — not to the past — for solutions.

Let's elect council members who will help us develop an innovative — but realistic — economic development strategy. One that takes us forward, not backward. Vote for Letitia Moore and Janet Abelson on Nov. 2.

**Lori Dair**  
vice chair, Economic Development Task Force  
El Cerrito

## Changes or a continuation?

Good old Art Schroeder. For once in the 51 years that my wife and I have lived in El Cerrito did Art and I agree on something political.

Once again this group that Art is part and soul of fails to tell all when making statements about additional taxes. When measures are honest and forthright, such as sewer bonds, they will pass. Proposition H is a good example of a tax measure that lied to people and was defeated soundly.

The two candidates Art mentions are presently El Cerrito planning commissioners and have a reputation of being nit-pickers along with the city Building Department. Many consider them the worst in the East Bay to deal with.

Do you think the two that Art supports for the City Council will change things? Get real. Back in the 1880s, they used to dip V nickels in gold paint and pass them off as \$5 gold pieces.

Come on, Art. You can't make a silk purse out of a pig's ear.

**Roy Mespelt**  
El Cerrito

## Not fiscally responsible

It appears that El Cerrito Council candidate Kathy Perka is in the pocket of Gottschalks department store chairman Joe Levy. She publicly stated that she is willing to give Levy millions of dollars in subsidies

to locate at the Plaza. This is not fiscally responsible!

Levy's last-minute letter to the mayor claims he never asked for any subsidy from the city. Yet the official records of the Redevelopment Agency contain statements from Perka and Councilman Damon that Levy made the request through them for \$7 million in public subsidy.

Levy claims his letter had nothing to do with politics. I find that amazing, since his wife is a career politician in Fresno.

I prefer the Plaza plan already approved by Planning Commissioners Janet Abelson and Letitia Moore with no public subsidy. The Gap, Old Navy, Ross, and Bed, Bath and Beyond will be among the many new stores opening in about a year.

El Cerrito does not need an Al Davis/Oakland Raiders-type deal requiring millions of dollars in corporate welfare. Joe Levy, go find another sucker.

**Lee Stevenson**

## Do you want more of the same?

Two candidates for El Cerrito's City Council, Moore and Abelson, boast of their membership on El Cerrito's Planning Commission. I ask El Cerrito's residents to look around at the results of their efforts. Do you want more of the same?

For a change and for an improved El Cerrito, please vote for Kathie Perka for City Council.

**Joan Cohn**  
El Cerrito

## Revisionist history by Gottschalks

Twice in the past week, Joe Levy, chairman of Gottschalks, has asserted in the newspaper that the proposal for a Gottschalks at El Cerrito Plaza would not have required a public subsidy. He thinks that it is "important that Gottschalks be accurately portrayed." Levy has a faulty memory. Let's look at the facts and

really set the record straight. On July 6, 1998, at a meeting of the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency, representatives from the Plaza owners and Levy himself presented to the Redevelopment Agency the proposal for a Gottschalks at El Cerrito Plaza. The proposal required over \$7 million in public subsidy.

At the meeting, Mr. Quals, for the Plaza owners, explained that Gottschalks wanted free land and reduced common area maintenance fees. Mr. Bilak of El Cerrito Plaza Co. presented the site plan showing the land that Gottschalks would own but not pay for, and additional land to be acquired to have Gottschalks at the Plaza.

Mr. Briggs, an economic/redevelopment consultant for the Plaza owners, explained that under this plan Gottschalks would cost about \$7.2 million — \$3 million for Gottschalks free land, \$1.09 million for site work, \$1.2 million for the additional land, and another \$1.9 million for work on the additional land. Mr. Briggs also talked about the cost annually for Gottschalks refusal to pay their full share of common area maintenance costs.

Mr. Levy then addressed the Redevelopment Agency. He talked about how much Gottschalks would spend on construction and merchandise for an El Cerrito store, talked about annual sales, and offered that everyone should work together. During the remainder of the meeting, members of the public and the members of the Redevelopment Agency discussed where the public subsidy would come from. Council member Gina Brusatori suggested a tax or bond measure because "we simply don't have the money."

This information is taken from the city's minutes of the July 6, 1998, Regular Meeting of the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency. The facts show that the plan that Gottschalks negotiated with the Plaza owners required millions of public dollars. Mr. Levy's notion of accuracy leaves a lot to be desired.

Letitia Moore  
El Cerrito

## Ideology vs. common sense

In the 1950s and '60s, El Cerrito, like other West County cities, was a booming and bustling town. Some are claiming that our loss of a major shopping center, neglected parks, crumbing streets, decaying recreational facilities is the fault of Proposition 13 and other measures that lessened the flow of taxpayer dollars to our cities.

While the above had an impact, it does not explain why our city has languished while others under the same circumstances have prospered.

A close examination of El Cerrito's history shows that city council decisions have affected where we are today. Decisions were made without a long range financial plan, too much

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## Focus on marriage, family therapist Irene Raby

By Roxanne Wiley

Dr. Irene Raby, a marriage and family therapist, has come to our neighborhood. She specializes in ADD (attention deficit disorders, with or without hyperactivity), chronic illness as in pain management or disabilities, depression or anxiety, relationship problems or parenting concerns. Raby works with couples, families and individuals from age 5 years to 95 years old.

She has her doctorate in clinical psychology, has been practicing since 1978 in El Cerrito, and is now in Albany at 1209 Solano Ave. She takes referrals and is the preferred provider for U.S. Behavioral Health, Manage Health Network, Foundation Health, Interplan and Blue Shield.

Lest you think the good doctor is all work and no play, let me tell you, this grandmother of four quilts, gardens, bakes bread in addition to taking care of all her patients.

Call Raby at 237-2967.

### Spooky fun at the "Y"

Spend the afternoon before Halloween at the Albany YMCA on Oct. 30. It will be fun and there are games (25 cents each), a fun haunted house, tasty treats and prizes. You don't have to wear a costume, but it is more fun if you do. The fun runs 1-4 p.m. Boo!



DR. IRENE RABY, now in Albany

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you see a ribbon and get a sturdy bookmark "101 Things to do Instead of Drugs." Give a bookmark to all the kids you know. Every little bit helps.

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This handsome Specialized Hard Rock dirt bike is on display at the Chamber of Commerce window. Tickets are available inside at the chamber. The drawing will be Dec. 20. We encourage members to buy a number of tickets and donate them to their favorite charity.

So far, people have been very enthusiastically doing that.

## Obituaries

### MARY L. HUGHES

Entered into Eden West Convalescent Hospital, Hayward, Wednesday, October 13, 1999 of natural cause. Age 97, she was born on January 1, 1902 in Newcastle Australia. She came to the USA at the age of 18 a resident of Albany for 74 years. She was one of the first women workers at Douglas Aircraft during WWII. Mary played theatre organ for silent films. An accomplished pianist through the age of 85, she was heard on several radio station program playing big bands. She wrote several years for a religious publication and was the author of several books regarding the history of England. She traveled extensively in Britain. She is survived by her niece, Barbara Robinson and nephew Robert Nelson, also survived by several great and great-nieces and nephews. A graveside service was held at 2:30 p.m., Friday, October 15, 1999 at Chapel of the Chimes Memorial Park, 32992 Mission Blvd. Hayward, CA.

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**Letitia Moore and Janet Abelson are supported by a wide range of environmental, women's, labor, business, and community organizations because of their longstanding commitment to improving the quality of life for El Cerrito residents. We urge your vote for Janet Abelson and Letitia Moore on Tuesday, November 2!**

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Miyako Tanaka  
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(partial list)

# Ingredients for improvement in Albany Schools

By Gary Mills

ALBANY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT  
During the past several months, as your new superintendent, I have had the opportunity and pleasure of meeting many parents and commu-

nity members. It is indeed a pleasure to have been selected as the superintendent of both a wonderful community, and outstanding school district! We will continue to address and resolve important district issues to

continue the journey of excellence, keeping in mind that "schools are for kids and they belong to the community."

In this regard, I believe there are several very important ingredients in working together for continued district improvement:

- A commitment to involving people affected by decisions in the decision-making process.

By engaging committed and interested individuals in district decision-making, we enhance the quality of our decisions, as well as the support for the decisions rendered. People working together benefit the children and youth we serve. Teamwork, a "can-do" spirit, cooperation and flexibility are all a part of working collaboratively for the benefit of our students. By taking this approach, we can view problems and issues as possibilities and opportunities.

- A penchant for planning.

Most outstanding school districts and businesses understand that you can make substantial progress by noting the current status, and by creating the "vision" for where you want to go. School districts committed to strategic thinking and planning are constantly preparing for the future and are growth-oriented. Parents, community members, staff and students become "partners in progress." They work together to achieve results, and they are not frightened by change.

- By having a strong commitment to strategic thinking and planning, districts create well-defined goals and objectives.

These "targets" for progress and excellence need to be well-defined and clear in order to support continued improvement in areas of school district operation. Great school districts are both goal-driven and people-oriented!

Keeping these thoughts in mind and noting the needs of our district, I will be focusing on three major areas this year:

- Enhancing communication and participation in district decision-making

Several new committees are currently being formed, including a K-12 District Curriculum Council; a District Key Communicator Group; a District Budget Advisory Committee, and a District Safety Committee. Additionally, I will be writing a "Superintendent's Briefcase" every four to six weeks to keep you better informed about our progress. In the next edition, I will share more information about these committees,

## SUPERINTENDENTS BRIEFCASE

and how you can become a partner in progress by getting involved.

- Developing the foundation and framework for implementing a district strategic planning process which will involve parents, community members, staff, students and board members.

I plan for us to get underway with strategic planning later this year, or very early next year.

- Monitoring and resolving a number of district facility issues, such as the construction of our new \$30 million high school; the modernization and renovation of our elementary schools over the next two years; arriving at decisions regarding the long-range plans for Vista and MacGregor schools, and arriving at decisions regarding the short and long-range improvements requested at Cougar Field.

In every "Superintendent's Briefcase," I will share with you a few current district issues and highlights about the district. At this time, a few noteworthy items are as follows:

- Getting underway with the construction of our new high school.

Work is about to begin and the project is to be fully completed by August, 2001.

- Defining and beginning the new committees that I addressed earlier in this report.

■ Completing all the details associated with the opening of our new Albany Middle School, and Ocean View Elementary School.

- Reviewing the needs for a School Resource Officer.

This is a District-Police Department joint effort program, designed to address district needs in promoting a high level of safety and security, particularly on the high school campuses.

I hope you find the "Superintendent's Briefcase" helpful and informative! We will be vigorous in working together for continuous district improvement, as we exist to provide a quality educational program for our youth and community.

# A crucial election Tuesday

## West County School Watch

By Glen Price

[nas.westhost.com/team\\_player/](http://nas.westhost.com/team_player/)

Harris is a practicing attorney, a lifelong resident of West County, and a graduate of West Contra Costa public schools.

He has been a leader in a number of community based organizations, including the El Cerrito Branch of the NAACP. George Harris is an advocate for children who believe in educational opportunity for each and every child of the WC-CUSD.

For more information on Harris and his campaign see: <http://www.elcerritowire.com/pages/electionharris.htm>

I have watched George Harris and Pat Player in action and believe they can provide that kind of leadership.

George Harris and Pat Player have been endorsed by Congressman George Miller, Assemblywoman Dion Aroner, Supervisor John Gioia, Richmond Mayor Rosemary Corbin, the United Teachers of Richmond, the El Cerrito Democratic Club, and hundreds of parents and community members throughout West County.

Player will bring her 33 years of classroom teaching experience at Richmond and Pinole Valley high schools to the board. She is a past winner of the Ed. Fund's Teacher of the Year Award and a former president of the American Association of University Women. Player has the qualifications and experience to get the job done on the school board. For more information on Player and her campaign see: <http://www.bugisite.com>

Glen Price is a member of the WC-CUSD School Board; the opinions and views expressed in West County School Watch are his own and do not reflect official views or positions of The Journal, the school board or WCCUSD unless otherwise noted. Back issues of West County School Watch and other sundry items can be found on the West County School Watch Web site: <http://www.igc.org/westcounty/>

## ALBANY PTA NEWS

By Kay Weinstein

### Albany PTA Council

- Oct. 23-31, California State PTA Red Ribbon Week for a safe and drug-free America

■ Reminder: Send in PTA memberships and support your PTA!

- Director of Curriculum Marianne Camp needs parents to serve on the following committees; if interested, email [Mcamp@alamedamedia.com](mailto:Mcamp@alamedamedia.com) or call 559-6620. Oct. 28, English Language Learners, 7 am, District Service Center, 904 Talbot, Board Room. Nov. 15, Elementary Curriculum Discussion

Daytime Meetings TBA, Curriculum Specific Committees for Math K-6 and Social Studies K-8.

The Nov. 15 Elementary Curriculum meeting with Marianne Camp is at 7 p.m. at Ocean View School.

ATTENTION: SCRIP BUYERS! As of Nov. 1, Safeway will no longer sell paper script.

PTA will be converting to electronic script for Safeway and Andronico's; we will still sell paper script for Luckys and Natural Grocery. E-Scrip is an electronic Scrip program where a supporter (you!) registers any or all of one's MasterCard, VISA, Discover, American Express, ATM, Debit or grocery loyalty (Safeway Club) cards for a \$10 annual fee. Supporters then use their registered card when paying for merchandise at participating merchants. The merchant then donates a percentage of the sale to your PTA. For \$10, you can sign up one school. If you have children in different schools and wish to split the profits between schools, it will cost an additional \$.50 per school per year to cover accounting costs. Better yet, ask a relative or friend to sign up for the other school, and you won't have to split the profit. To register your cards with e-Scrip, call 1-800-400-7878. For more information, check out the website at [www.scripinc.com](http://www.scripinc.com) or call Linda Okamoto at 525-6782.

### Albany High School

■ SCRIP Orders: Support AHS by buying Safeway, Andronico's, Lucky's or Natural Grocery certificates. Call Linda Okamoto at 525-6782 or Belinda Lam at 528-2429. E-mail Linda at [CHOPNLO@CHOC.ORG](mailto:CHOPNLO@CHOC.ORG) or Belinda at [Robertmarshall@sprintmail.com](mailto:Robertmarshall@sprintmail.com)

■ AHS Band Boosters are selling sweatshirts black or "Cougar" red with white letters reading "Albany High School Visual and Performing Arts." Prices are \$20-\$25 depending on size and style (hooded or not). To order, call Debra Kagawa at 525-9807. Support AHS Arts!

■ Oct. 28, New AHS course proposals due in Counseling Office (proposal forms are available in the counseling office; all parents are encouraged to participate). For more information, phone Sarah Samony, Course Offering Committee chair at 559-6550 ext. 4125 or email: [samonee@aol.com](mailto:samonee@aol.com)

■ Oct. 25-29, Homecoming Week

■ Nov. 1, PTA Meeting, 7:15 p.m., AMS Library Topic: School-to-Career Opportunities for AHS Students

■ Nov. 4, Instructional Improvement Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., AMS Room 53

■ Nov. 8, Site Council Meeting, 7 p.m., AMS Library

■ Nov. 12-13, "Tom Jones," AHS Stage Theater

### Albany Middle School

■ SCRIP Orders: Support AMS by buying Safeway certificates. Call

Karen Moss at 526-2018 or Linda Okamoto at 525-6782.

■ Nov. 4, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., AMS Library

Cornell Elementary School

■ Safeway, Lucky, Andronico's, Bowl SCRIP for sale Wednesday and Friday mornings from 8:15-8:45, and Wednesday after school.

■ Nov. 17, PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Marin Elementary School

■ SCRIP for sale Monday,

Wednesday & Friday mornings before school, at both early and late bird times, and Wednesday after school. Orders can be placed in office at any time.

■ Nov. 18, PTA Meeting 7 p.m., Marin Multi-Purpose Room (rescheduled due to Veteran's Day)

Ocean View Elementary School

■ SCRIP for sale Monday,

Wednesday & Friday mornings before school on playground. Ask for Kim Denton.

■ All Albany elementary parents are invited to the Nov. 4 PTA meeting which is a parent education evening featuring Eileen McKenzie speaking on the Assets Program (7 p.m., Ocean View Library).

■ The PTA wishes to thank all parents and community members for contributing to the Walkathon's success.

AUSD Board of Education

■ Nov. 2, Community Meeting to receive public comment and input on the proposed School Resource Officer Program at Albany High School, 7 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

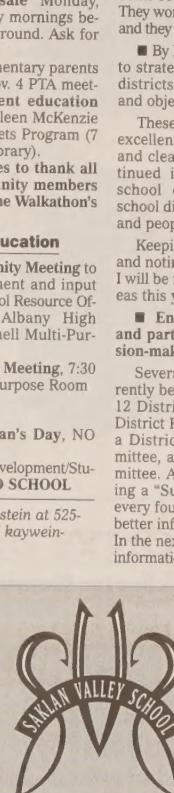
■ Nov. 9, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

AUSD calendar

■ Nov. 11, Veteran's Day, NO SCHOOL

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## Hair Tailor & Just Imagine In Montclair

There is an exciting transformation in the works at Hair Tailor in Montclair Village. The fifteen year tradition of quality hair care services with a boutique flair has been under the loving care and expertise of owners Janine Hunt and Cheryl Strachan for the past 7 1/2 years.

Hunt has been a hairdresser for 15 years at Hair Tailor. She is an educator and trainer in the field and truly enjoys working behind the chair as well. Her love for the Hair Tailor began with an appointment there at nine years of age, and the rest, she says, "is history."

Strachan grew up in the salon business. After graduating from college with an education degree, she quickly moved into the retail world. Her boutique experience ranges from designing jewelry to wholesale marketing and merchandising. "But my favorite part," she says, "is interaction with people."

Together this dynamic duo has created a unique spot for Montclair residents. Hair Tailor offers a full array of Hair Care Services for men's and women's cutting, color, special occasion styling and free design consultation. They have some of the most educated and

talented associates in the business, with the sophistication of San Francisco yet neighborhood charm & appeal. "We have recently remodeled Hair Tailor which had a boutique in it," says Hunt. "Cheryl & I realized that with both businesses, we needed more space." "It made more sense to move the retail to another location and expand the salon."

And so that is what they have done. The newly remodeled salon is almost finished. The boutique, brilliantly called "Just Imagine" will open at 6470 Moraga Avenue in November of 1999, offering an eclectic blend of clothing, accessories, art and gifts.

"With the two separate businesses, we can both follow our individual creative outlets," says Strachan. "We are excited about having 2 locations in Montclair to offer the neighborhood more specialty options."

A sense of care for the community is reflected in the team of Strachan & Hunt, sponsoring sports teams, being an active member of the MBA and giving time and services to fund raisers of all kinds. "We have a history here and intend on being a part of Montclair for many years to come," they say.

## BUSINESS FOCUS

by Laura Fischer

The philosophy at work here is clearly rooted in 'people' skills. "We believe in relationships with the people we work with, the client / customer, and the community," says Strachan.

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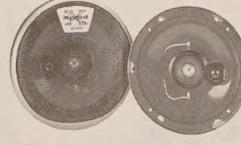


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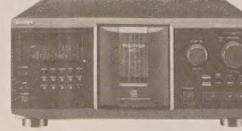


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## IN BRIEF

### Astronaut landing here

UC Berkeley graduate and Apollo astronaut, Brian O'Leary, Ph.D., returns to Berkeley on Nov. 6 to speak at the second annual new Science and Ancient Wisdom conference. The weekend conference will run Saturday and Sunday Nov. 6 and 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the International Center, 2222 Harold Way.

Dr. O'Leary first became known as an Apollo astronaut who was slated to go on a manned mission to Mars; NASA later scrapped the plans. He went on to teach at Cornell and Princeton universities and has since authored "Miracle in the Void" and "The Second Coming of Science." At the conference, he will share insights from the latest book, "Re-Inheriting the Earth," which covers free energy, consciousness technologies, and a sustainable future for planet Earth.

Other topics to be covered at the New Science and Ancient Wisdom conference include remote viewing, crop circles, the Aztec calendar, a re-appraisal of human origins, and a Y2K update. Native American chief Sonny Reyna and Filipino cultural performer Baylan Megino will lead the audience in special indigenous ceremonies. Local author Robert Perla will serve as emcee.

Entrance to the conference cost \$55 for one day or \$95 for the weekend. All proceeds benefit the non-profit Bay Area Consciousness Network.

### 'School House' auditions

The Bay Area Children's Theatre Company will hold performance classes and auditions for the musical "School House Rock Live! Jr." beginning in November, and running through Dec. 20. The classes will consist of dance, movement, cos-

tuming, make-up, etc. Rehearsal and Performance classes for the musical will begin February 6 through April 28. April and May performances will take place at John Muir Elementary School. Males and females of all racial backgrounds, between the ages of five to 17, are invited to audition for six lead roles, and 30 supporting parts. For more information, call 236-7098.

Actors chosen will become members of an ensemble, and must sign up for performances classes in November and February. The total class cost is \$500.

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### Christmas mailing

It may not even be Halloween yet, but the U.S. Postal Service says deadlines for mailing Christmas packages overseas are looming.

Christmas packages, cards and letters going to Europe and the Middle East should be mailed no later than Dec. 9, according to the postal service. Air Parcel Post to Canada and Mexico can wait until Dec. 13.

The post office wants to remind international mailing patrons that information on packages and letters

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Magary.

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## Abelson

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residents, and I want to continue my life of service to the community. I have the experience, the leadership abilities, and the energy to ensure that El Cerrito meets its challenges in a positive manner and faces the future as a vibrant community on a sound financial basis.

### Economic development

El Cerrito needs an economic development program that helps attract new businesses and enables our ex-

isting merchants to grow and thrive. We should define a positive outlook for the future, then identify the resources and tools to help us accomplish our goals. Along with attracting privately financed development, we can explore federal and state grants and other partnerships and resources.

We need to prepare a multi-year capital improvement plan that includes a commitment to ongoing facility maintenance. We must look to a variety of funding sources, including grants and contributions, user fees, the enhanced sales tax revenues from a revitalized Plaza and new economic development initiatives.

## Moore

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business and commercial sectors to generate the revenue needed to maintain our city services, while also protecting our neighborhoods and open spaces.

I will work to protect and improve our senior services, after school programs, recreational programs, recycling activities, and police and fire service. I will work to ensure that El Cerrito remains an inclusive community that has a place for everyone,

and that it becomes a sustainable community where we can shop, recreate, and even work near our homes.

The work of the City Council involves large and small decisions ranging from setting policy to negotiating contracts, from representing the City at local events to representing El Cerrito on regional boards, from allocating funds for public services to hearing permit appeals. These tasks require balancing the interests of many members of the community who often have different, and sometimes conflicting, views. I have the skills needed to bring parties with

### Positive attitude and cooperation

I will bring a positive attitude to addressing the challenges facing our city. I believe that people can have honest disagreements without being disagreeable. In all my years of service, I have avoided petty personal disputes and focused on the tasks at hand, striving to reach agreement in resolving the issues. Working cooperatively with other council members, the staff, and the community, I will strive for creative and innovative problem solving. I want to help develop sound public policies as the basis for decision-making, thus promoting a sense of trust and confi-

dence in our city's government.

Endorsers:

My endorsers include four of our neighbors and the following organizations and elected officials among many others:

- Sierra Club
- U.S. Congressman George Miller
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- County Supervisor John Gutfreund
- City Council members Friedman, Jane Bartke, and La Force.
- El Cerrito Professional Firefighters Association
- East Bay League of Conservation Voters

## O'Keefe

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ence as an elected officer to make the critical decisions to get this city financially back on track, improve our parks and facilities and stimulate our local businesses.

I have been active in the community since the '80s. In 1987, I wrote a legal brief that stopped the garbage incineration plant proposed for North Richmond. That plant would have contributed tons of pollutants to our environment. We all breath cleaner air as a result.

As a member of Project Listen's Capital Improvement Committee, I helped identify the city's capital im-

provement needs.

I served on the Residential Architectural Development Committee. We drafted ordinance proposals that preserved neighborhoods from overscale additions and provided a mechanism for view preservation.

I participated in the Del Norte development process and ensured that any proposed development addressed neighborhood concerns about safety, traffic, pollution and density.

I lobbied for and won inclusion of Baxter Creek and protection of the creek area in the General Plan.

I have the experience and record of results needed to change the direction of our city. As your City Council person I will:

1) Establish a systematic plan with adequate reserves for infra-

structure repair to avoid crisis such as we now face with our pool, streets and facilities;

2) Implement immediate development at the plaza and ensure that desired shopping and restaurants become a reality;

3) Develop a systematic and rational approach to future development that makes sound economic sense;

4) Work with the business community to increase its competitive edge, attract new businesses to vacant stores and enhance the appearance of the San Pablo Corridor;

5) Streamline the permit process for renovations and additions;

6) Develop long range financial planning to ensure revenues and expenses balance.

Other candidates have advocated

high density housing, mobile garages at the plaza and Del Norte big box development and a new bridge.

These kinds of projects will not be needed; for activities that serve teenagers and young adults; for programs that serve our seniors and disabled; for improved streets, public parks and recreational facilities.

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Moore for El Cerrito City Council

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El Cerrito. Vote for Bea O'Keefe Nov. 2.

sound planning to address the challenges facing the city.

I am proud to have received endorsements from the National Women's Political Caucus, the carpenters Union Local No. 13, community leaders including Gina Brusatori, Councilwoman Larry Damon and former mayor Mae Ritz, Ernie del Simon Mesplet and Don West.

A vote for Kathie Perla is a vote for the future of El Cerrito, not status quo.

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## Panel

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## Forum

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city's new General Plan, Perka and O'Keefe said they liked some aspects of the document, but complained that it used outdated traffic numbers and O'Keefe questioned its open space policy. "Desirable open space can be replaced by less desirable open space," O'Keefe said.

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## Perka

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terest in locating in El Cerrito. Mr. Levy also stated that Gottschalks had never asked the City for a large subsidy and that their negotiations had been with the El Cerrito Plaza Company. Additionally Mr. Levy recognized that El Cerrito is an underserved retail market and hopes that if not the Plaza another location can be found.

During the campaign I have walked all 24 precincts and the voters with whom I have spoken strongly believe that attracting a variety of quality retail establishments is important to the El Cerrito community. Other important issues facing us as a community have been

mentioned which we must work together to solve:

■ **Investing in our valued assets.** Our pool and parks, public buildings and streets, are in serious need of repair. We must rehabilitate and restore these jewels of our City, keep them in good condition and prevent this from happening again.

■ **Encouraging balanced economic growth that meets the needs of our community.** We must create a comprehensive economic development plan to help grow existing businesses. The plan should also assist us in attracting new, complementary businesses that will provide additional shopping, employment and entrepreneurial opportunities.

■ **Developing financial strategies and policies to restore public trust.** Given the City's limited revenues, we must properly manage our expendi-

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# A Halloween pumpkin shortage?

**BOO! HOO!** A pumpkin shortage? What a scary thought. Although no one will starve given a choice of those familiar jack o' lanterns, expect to pay a bit more for your spooky porch decorations this year.

Most of California's crop is grown in the Manteca area, with a few coming from our own Half Moon Bay. The Golden State is expected to have a semi-average crop this year. But due to the lack of rain and heat during the summer, sad pumpkins will be the norm.

Adding to "The Perils in the Pumpkin Patch" is the fact that the rest of the pumpkin producing country has had its own weather problems. East Coast drought and Hurricane Floyd took a chunk out of the pumpkin production pie, but for those of us in the market for a Halloween mainstay, here's a buyer's guide for 1999. In ascending order we have:

Mini orange pumpkins: Haven't seen these everywhere? They're on counters at every kind of business, I imagine to create a pleasant atmosphere. But they're the same businesses that snarl at you for giving them a \$20 bill for a \$1.76 purchase? So much for the pleasant atmosphere! Minis are true varieties, not a hybrid jack-o'-lantern which ever grew past the run stage. This munchkin has its own identity.

as a legitimate baking candidate. Just cut the top out, scrape the cavity clean and fill it with a meat or rice stuffing. Or just leave it raw and use it to hold a cranberry or similar sauce.

And for those of you who get bored easily, try a mini white pumpkin. For how-to directions, see above. Also along this small line is a new variety that has a rounder shape and a curly green stem/handle.

Moving up the size scale in the pumpkin patch is the Baby Bear. These are about half the size of a regular pumpkin with an extra-long curving stem that doubles as a handle. At quick glance, this looks like a snake being charmed out of a basket. One of the "parents" of this hybrid pumpkin is a cooking pumpkin, so it goes both ways, as a carver and a cooker.

Sugar Pie resembles the traditional New England-style cooking pumpkin. They are heavy for their size, contain less water and have fine-grained, not watery, flesh. Much more conducive for kitchen duty. These weigh around five pounds, sometimes up to 10. You can even treat a Sugar Pie like a vegetable and eat it like a winter squash.

When you gaze upon a Lumina, it's time to don the sunglasses! The skin color is icy white with a blue sheen. For the middle-aged hot-rodders out there, the color is similar to the pearlescent (or plain

"pearl") paint that decorated many a muscle mobile in the pre-oil embargo days.

It has a classic shape, wider than it is tall, with deeply cut lobes. Weighing in around 10 pounds, there is enough meat for baking; the orange flesh makes a striking contrast to the white exterior. Carve faces if you wish, but a more appropriate decoration is to paint faces on them. They cost a bit more, but if you are looking for a dramatic look, pay up.

Now we finally get to the classic jack-o'-lantern. These are usually Connecticut Field or Howden varieties, although new varieties are constantly crowding the patch.

Jacks are specifically bred to be carved, hence the thinner rind and BIG seed cavity. The lobes are shallow, which result in a smooth carving surface.

Even the bottoms have been bred to be flat, so the only thing crooked about it is the face carved into it. These can be used in the kitchen, but the flesh is a bit stringy and watery. Stick with a Sugar Pie or Lumina/blue pumpkin.

And now, ladies and gentlemen ... the heavyweight division. In this corner, hailing from that cool, coastal California town of Half Moon Bay, we have Big Max ... mucho BIG MAX! That's his name, folks. The Big Max pumpkin variety can reach 100 pounds, although the average is closer to 60



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pounds. A squash more than a pumpkin, they are pinkish-orange in color with deep lobes and very thick skin.

Looking at them, you'd figure they are all show, but the flesh is smooth enough for baking. That is, if you need dozens of pumpkin pies. This year's crop has been slim, not big. Another casualty of a

mild winter, but if you are looking for a dramatic look, pay up.

I'm saving the biggest for last. The Atlantic Giant makes the aforementioned Big Max look like teeny-weeny max. This specially-bred variety can get H-U-G-E! Just a few days ago, a giant out of Elk Grove weighed in at 991 pounds to take the top honors at the Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Weigh-Off.

The faces that folks carve into the thick skin are just amazing. Quite an art!

Guido the Gardener, aka Mark Ferro, is the assistant street buyer in the wholesale produce division of Whole Foods. Do you have a produce question? E-mail Guido at [guido@wefnet.net](mailto:guido@wefnet.net), or write to him in care of the Montclarion, 5707 Redwood Road, Oakland, 94519.

deadline is Nov. 5.

The six-year-old academy is open to ages 14 to 18.

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Academy trainees have installed smoke detectors in the homes of elderly, handicapped and low-income residents. They have worked on the city's Christmas in April and Paint the Town projects, and painted fire hydrants.

Those unable to attend the banquet may send a donation to the Richmond Youth Academy, P.O. Box 2222, Richmond, CA 94801.

# Carbohydrate dreams

Last night I dreamed I was eating pasta and a baguette. The next morning I woke up feeling guilty. I'm not supposed to be eating any carbohydrates. A friend told me it's the fastest way to lose weight, and I want to drop 20 pounds by next Saturday.

"Why do you want to lose 20 pounds?" she asked, as I sat not eating the chocolate chip cookies that were on her table.

"Because I don't have time to grow my hair down to my waist, have a face lift and get liposuction," I said, calculating that under normal circumstances I would have eaten at least three cookies by this time. "So I'm settling for 20 pounds and a facial. Donnie Fox is coming to town."

Donnie Fox was my playmate, a childhood chum. We grew up on the same street, in a real 1950s neighborhood, with kids in every house. We put on plays, produced carnivals, explored the ravine behind our house and played made up adventure games. Donnie engineered my biggest pre-adolescent triumph by double-dog-daring me to climb up the front of my house.

It was scary but I did it. All the way up the brick facade until I could reach out and touch the shutter on my second story bedroom window. For weeks it was all anyone talked about.

When I was 14, we moved, and I only saw Donnie once after that when I was in high school. But a year ago we found each other again, in a few days, he'll be in San Francisco with his family. I tried to imagine Donnie as a father but couldn't. I just kept seeing this cute, blond, curly haired boy, dressed in an oversized suit, wearing a hat and playing house.

"I haven't seen Donnie in almost 35 years," I said to my friend. "And I haven't had a piece of candy in 10 days. Did you know that sugarless gum has carbohydrates in it?"

"Stop it. You look fat and bald."

"He's not. I saw a picture of him. He looks good - a little like his father, but older."

And he had hair, a full head of it, gray but still wavy. He looked trim and fit. He told me he runs marathons, rides bikes, hikes and works out.

He'll probably think I look like an older version of my mother. When he last saw her, she was 10 years younger than I am now. She wasn't gray, but neither am



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I, nor will I be 10 years from now.

What's Donnie expecting? Ronnie the house climber? Won't he be disappointed when he sees my middle-aged woman disguise?

And what will we talk about? I knew that old times — people from the neighborhood, his brothers, my sister, our parents — would be on the agenda. But then what? The so-what-are-you-up-to-these-days was more complicated — like, where do we start? Who he took to the prom? Why I switched college majors? What if we can't think of anything to talk about?

Is he thinking about any of this? Has he spent the last two weeks doing sit-ups and worrying about what to wear to dinner on Saturday night? Is he afraid that I might be disappointed in how he turned out?

I picked up a cookie, smelled it and put it back on the plate.

"Eat it," my friend said. "Donnie's not going to care how you look. He'll love you for who you are."

But Donnie doesn't know who I am. Then I realized that's not what this is about. It has nothing to do with why he wants to see me.

Donnie loves me for who I was. The tomboy with the ponytail who could run faster than him but couldn't beat him at a game of H-O-R-S-E. The friend who always picked him and who always picked to be on a baseball team. The girl who never doubted that he could win the election for president of Roosevelt Junior High School.

And now I'm the woman who shares all those memories, treasures them and wants to talk about them.

That's who Donnie loves, who he wants to see. And the packaging doesn't matter.

"Thanks," I said taking a cookie. "I will have one."

Ronnie Caplane is a contributing columnist for Hills Newspapers.

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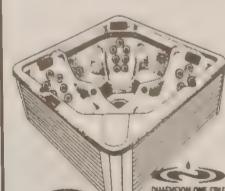
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One of the most difficult decisions to accept is the fact that your parents can no longer function alone at home. Then, it becomes the adult-child who is charged with the responsibility of finding a more suitable living arrangement. Unfortunately, guilt and an ego manages to enter the 'picture' as well as

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Nursing care all on one campus. Salem is affiliated with elder care alliance, a not-for-profit, nonsectarian organization dedicated to providing quality health and social services for older adults.

Salem's 75th anniversary celebration will be a festive afternoon filled with something for everyone. Sample our cuisine, enjoy the Barrelhouse Jazz Band and meander through our gardens. Learn about Salem, its history and its residents. Sign up for Tai Chi, safety tips, quilting, painting, and web surfing demonstrations. Participate in our silent

auction; listen to author Lucy Scott, Ph.D., talk about her book "Wise Choices For Women". Kids of all ages can join the fun at the carnival. The celebration will culminate with a worship celebration with members of the Soli Deo Gloria choral group.

Salem Lutheran home is located on 2361 E. 29th street in Oakland. To make reservations for the anniversary event, call (510) 434-2824. For additional information about Salem and its programs, contact Sylvana Rinehart, director of marketing & admissions at (510) 434-2871.



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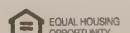
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## New transfer policy would cost bus riders extra fare

By Marc Albert

AC Transit riders, already smarting from the recent 10-cent increase, may have to dig even deeper to pay for rides they currently get nearly for free.

Under a proposal the board considered at Wednesday's meeting, bus transfers would no longer be honored on the route they were issued. Riders currently pay 25 cents for a transfer good for unlimited rides on any route for 90 minutes.

The agency is considering switching to electronic transfers and fare boxes. Under the proposal, the new transfers would be good for only two additional rides. Riders would get

one perk though as transfers would be good for two and a half hours instead of the current 90 minutes.

In a move certain to irk some riders, they would no longer be able to use transfers to return home after running an errand on the same route.

"When the district cut service," said Deputy General Manager Jim Gleich, "we practice the drivers extended the time the transfers were good, allowing people to ride both ways on the same bus line, which wasn't what the transfers were intended for." Gleich said bus transfers are supposed to be good for 90 minutes, but in practice many drivers issue them for up to two and a half hours.

New fare-boxes would issue transfers with an electronic signature. The electronic code would say when and on what route the transfer was issued.

"What it means, is that you are going to have to pay to get back," Gleich said. The new transfers would also prevent the selling of transfers, which is currently a problem for the district, said Gleich.

The new policy might be seen as punitive by some riders, and won't exactly prevent people from going two ways on a single fare. Riders on many of the district's routes have alternatives. A rider on Telegraph Avenue could, for example, ride the

Line 40 bus one way and return home on the 43 line. San Pablo Avenue riders could take the 72 one way and the 73 home.

"It doesn't solve that problem," Gleich acknowledged.

New fare boxes to be installed next year could soon make bus transit easier. Gleich said the district is purchasing them to enable riders to buy one-day, three-day, seven-day, and monthly passes right on the bus.

Gleich said the new 30-day pass would be good from time of issue, not limited to calendar months. The district might also consider returning to its old system of free transfers.

## Letters

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money was paid to acquire properties in the redevelopment area, they were held too long and sold to developers for too little.

Driven more by ideological considerations than what made good financial sense, a small clique of big money interests and hand-picked politicians brought unwanted big box development and a halfway house to our prime commercial street, delayed Plaza development by over three years, and did not bring us the department store that 10,000 residents said they wanted.

If you're tired of the politics of the past and want to see our city get back on track, vote to elect the only candidates who represent an opportunity for a new future for El Cerrito, vote for Kathie Perka and Bea O'Keefe on Nov. 2.

Evelyn Kiresen  
El Cerrito

### Learning from the past

All the back-and-forth about Gottschalks finally brings the El Cerrito election issues to what it really is about: How did we waste \$34 million on redevelopment, without even getting the Plaza fixed up the way most people want?

Political planning commission appointees and candidates Letitia Moore and Janet Abelson, joined by fellow commissioner Kathie McKinley and supporter Rita Minjares, now echo the Plaza owners' claim that a department store would need a huge redevelopment subsidy. If they were so concerned about subsidies, why did they support all the previous giveaways of public funds?

There is a difference. Past redevelopment projects used public money, way beyond any possible future financial benefits (a case aptly made by Mayor Brusatori). Gottschalks asked for a good deal from the owners, i.e. private money for attracting additional shoppers who would otherwise go to Corte

Madera, Hilltop, etc. American Stores wanted its huge super grocery to remain the only anchor and chose to price Gottschalk's out of the market via a highly overstated and self-serving budget analysis.

If our Redevelopment Agency had been better managed it would have bought American Stores Plaza share for a fraction of what was wasted elsewhere. Unfortunately, redevelopment enthusiasts seem incapable of learning from past mistakes; else we would not have such recent disasters as Wilton-Terranomas at the Plaza, or the Del Norte Marketplace strip mall, all of which have wasted millions.

The scary part is that Moore and Abelson are so certain that most residents are uninformed about who is to blame for the past lack of economic sense, that they do not even try and hide their Planning Commission involvement. Voters will either have learned from the past, or will have a chance to repeat history.

In either case, the other two candidates, Kathie Perka and Bea O'Keefe, can be counted on to keep the costs down. Preferably as council members, or as deservedly proud

members of our council watcher group.

Peter Loubal  
El Cerrito

### O'Keefe a candidate with proven experience

Vote for Bea O'Keefe for El Cerrito City Council on Nov. 2. I've worked with Bea on the Stege Sanitary District Board for 11 years. Bea is smart, dedicated and has made the decisions that led to Stege receiving the California Association of Sanitation Agencies' 1999 Award for Innovation.

Bea is the only candidate with proven experience in directing a municipal agency. We need her leadership to solve the serious problems facing our city of revitalizing our business community, restoring fiscal responsibility and repairing our aging infrastructure.

Don West  
El Cerrito



HARDING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL students Larry Sante, Brittani Brown, 10, and Jalei Hawkins, worked with other students as well as a team from UC-Berkeley and city maintenance workers to plant new trees along Ashbury Avenue.

## Kids learn tree planting from ground up

EL CERRITO — There are new trees along the Ashbury Avenue median south of Fairmount, planted Oct. 15 by students at Harding Elementary School under the sponsorship of the Harding Education Project.

And education was indeed a part of the project, as students first saw a slide show and heard a lecture presented by Patricia Lindsey, assistant professor of landscape architecture and environmental planning on what trees need to grow and live a long life.

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The day after the planting, bors in the area came out to plant trees and water them. While a low-cost way to provide shade for the avenue, Andy Austin, Harding Education Project director, said the planting cost more than expected, at \$500 instead of a \$500 budget.

Anyone interested in donations for the project can call Austin at 5025.

## Albany official suddenly swamped by surfers

ALBANY — Word is out: The old landfill is inching closer to becoming a park. But for Ann Ritzma, assistant city administrator, the word blew a little too fast, in the wrong direction.

"It was crazy. My voice mail was all windsurfing calls," she said. "One after another after another."

Someone in the Bay Area's windsurfing community heard the news the city is about to start cleaning up the landfill in preparation for it to join the planned Eastshore State Park.

Ritzma's name and phone number were posted last week on a pop-

ular windsurfing Web site, www.windcall.com, with instructions to lobby her to turn the landfill into a windsurfing park.

She was pleased with the interest

but felt the calls were blowing gale force into the wrong office. The East Bay Regional Park District, which will manage the park for the state, is scheduled to be the lead agency in planning the fate of the old dump.

And lobbied she got.

"I was getting 50 to 90 calls a day," said Ritzma, who's not sure what a windsurfing park is.

Ritzma told windsurfers to call the park district, giving them its phone number. She also e-mailed the Web site's Web master, asking him to remove her phone number.

Kensington windsurfer Booker Bense, 38, surfs the Web as well as the East Bay shore. He's enthusiastic about the Albany lobbying effort, wherever it should be directed.

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## Bay Area grapples with 'edifice complex'

Historian finds progress, preservation clash

*Editor's note: This is part one of a three-part series*

Museums, libraries, colleges and civic centers are the best indicators of any society's attitudes toward its own historic legacy.

By taking a look at some recent examples of how we reuse public buildings in the Bay Area we can get a sense of what sort of historic legacy we want.

Sadly, the news is not all good. Planners and boards of directors have seized on our fear of earthquakes following the Loma Prieta disaster of 1989 to justify abandoning or demolishing many fine historic public structures.

While many old buildings throughout the Bay Area were severely damaged by the Loma Prieta quake, scores of them have been restored and retrofitted to ensure their continued use.

### Oakland's City Hall

A prime example of a reuse that

#### Owning a Piece of History

By Mark A. Wilson

"In past centuries, this razing and reconstruction often would lead to the birth of some great landmarks. But that doesn't happen with the 'edifice complex.'"



worked is the Oakland City Hall building. This superb Beaux Arts skyscraper was designed in 1911 by the East Bay firm Palmer, Jones and Hornbostel. President William Howard Taft laid City Hall's cornerstone.

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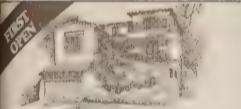
**OAKLAND'S CITY** Hall and Frank Ogawa Plaza show how planning can preserve a work of art while preparing it for new public demands. After undergoing repairs in the wake of the Loma Prieta earthquake of 1989, City Hall was re-opened to great fanfare. Many East Bay residents are fond of its elegant profile as it rises against a backdrop of modern high-rise commercial structures.

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# Eeeek! Real-life real estate tales to terrify and amaze

It's Halloween time, spooky time. Strange things happen in real estate all year long. Some of them are spooky.

Like the one about the seller who reluctantly admitted to our buyer that the house was haunted. The seller worried that the buyer would back out of the deal, that buying a house with a ghost would be scary. But the buyer liked the idea, and said she preferred a house with a ghost over one without.

The problem? Six months after the sale closed, the buyer complained that she'd been cheated. No ghost had made itself known to her. She asked that the seller tell her how to leave the spirit out in the open. Too bad — the seller didn't know how.

Once we went to see a house that the owner needed help pricing. She mentioned that some work was needed and wanted to know how far she should go in fixing the house up for sale.

On the street level of the vacant house, we found a derelict garage, its roof caved in, rotted windows and decking, an incomplete kitchen, and the need for cleaning and paint. But these things paled in comparison to the shock we got when we saw the lower level of the house.

No interior stairs connected the upper portion of the house to a large

## True Experiences



By Tarpoff and Talbert

room on the third level down. We got there by means of a wobbly staircase and precarious path through an overgrown garden. Everything looked disheveled but normal when we first entered the room.

Then our unbelieving eyes saw a tunnel cut through the foundation and the earth under the house. This tunnel was large enough for a wagon and team of horses to be driven through.

It took us a few moments before we could gather our wits and ask the obvious question, then less than three minutes to exit the house, and an hour to hear the story.

The owner's daughter and her husband who had lived in the house had devised a plan to build a stairwell to connect the downstairs room

to the upper floors. Unfortunately, a lot of dirt and concrete was in the way of the proposed stair site. They charged ahead anyway and managed, over a period of years, to remove and dispose of huge portions of the house underpinnings.

We told the owner to quit worrying over the interior paint, but instead to quickly get an engineer. That was the last we ever heard from the owner.

Then there's the mercury-in-the-house story. It wasn't our sale so the facts may be wrong, but what we heard is that before he died, a mad professor-type conducted experiments of some kind in his house. Mercury was involved.

The house was stuffed with stuff which the heirs had removed to the dump. Apparently there was a way for the dump people to know that mercury was included in the trash from this house.

The heirs were charged \$30,000 to clean up the dump and another \$30,000 to rid the house of mercury remains.

Even then, they had to disclose to potential buyers that remnants of mercury may still exist in the house.

A different kind of story, this one benevolent: Owners of a Berkeley house insisted that they carry the loan for whomever bought their

house. Amazingly, they wanted to charge a far-below-market interest rate of 3 percent.

When questioned, they said that they wanted to make it easier for someone to live in the house, a home they'd remodeled and enjoyed very much. They were even willing to pay taxes on IRS-ruled imputed interest. The buyer was, of course, pleased.

That was a different market than we have today. In the past few months we have heard of several situations where sellers received full price offers for their houses and turned them down. These expressed dismay and disappointment that their houses had not attracted numerous offers and overbids. They simply were not willing to sell for the prices they had asked for.

A seller whose business was located in his home made it a condition of his sale that he and his large lower floor office remain after title changed hands. As the house was highly desirable to several different buyers, this provision was agreed to, and the old and new owners shared the house for some months.

The opposite happened in another sale: The seller of a badly deteriorated hill house had no where to go. Before the new owner could re-roof the house or replace the floors (both had gaping holes), install windows

(many had fallen out), provide electricity and plumbing (mostly missing), a rental for the seller had to be found.

In the contract, the buyer agreed to find an acceptable place and to move, at his expense, the seller's extensive water damaged belongings. What a nightmare! We hear that it was all done and that it was difficult.

In another sale, during the final walk-through before the closing, the buyers found a large number of garden sprays, rat poison, painter stripper and the like.

For whatever reasons, the seller wouldn't clean out the house and the buyers wouldn't buy until the stash was removed.

The seller's agent loaded everything into the trunk of her car. Once a week she dropped off the acceptable maximum at the hazardous waste station and finally had an empty trunk some months later.

During inspections of another house, honey bees were found in a kitchen wall. Bee experts were called in who said that the bees liked the warmth provided by the stove. In order to remove the bees, the wall had to be torn down, but this story has a happy ending: The gallons of honeycomb that hung from the studs were left with the owner, who bottled it and gave it to friends as Christmas gifts.

One probate sale a long time ago was off with all of its contents. There were no heirs to the house was overflowed treasure including pets, valuable antique Christmas tree ornaments, a Victrola, even an

There was so much that the married couple had in their home that they had disagreements about who got what. That they got a divorce. They got the house and whale by then.

Lastly, macabre gossip: an agent who worked with a physical impairment that the termite infestation found — eek! — a human under the head.

Happy Halloween.

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## Cal students say rent too high at new housing site in Albany

By Kate Darby Rauch  
CONTRA COSTA NEWSPAPERS

**ALBANY** — Anger over high rents tempered the pleasure of opening new UC-Berkeley student family housing earlier this month.

The University Village housing complex on San Pablo Avenue in a clash between anger over high rents and joy over new improved living quarters for students with spouses or children.

"I have not talked to anyone who isn't really mad about it," said Cheri Schulzke, a village resident. "Most students can't afford to live here."

Schulzke said she is particularly

upset that for the five years she's lived at the village she's paid a 5 percent annual rent increase earmarked for replacing the buildings. "We're paying for housing we can't afford to live in," she said.

University officials say they're doing what they can to keep the rents low but need to charge a certain amount to pay for the new housing.

Monthly rents have increased considerably. For example, an old two-bedroom, one-bath apartment ranges from \$461 to \$596 while a new two-bedroom, one-bath apartment costs about \$990, and a similar townhouse goes for \$1,035. Utilities are included.

Higher rents are needed because the project doesn't receive any state funds and must pay for itself, said Harry LeGrande, assistant vice-chancellor of residential and student service programs. "The only way we can pay for housing is to generate revenues," he said.

The policy of increasing rent to help pay for construction was necessary to ensure village living conditions would be improved, LeGrande said. "It became clear if we didn't start doing something there would be no family housing," he said.

A survey last month of the village tenants found that the majority of the 215 who responded said if they

had no choice but the higher rents, they would move out, said Diane Rush Woods, chairwoman of the University Village Residents Association. The association conducted the survey and is negotiating with the university to find rental solutions.

"What they built is really attractive, it's just not affordable in terms of who is currently living in the village," Woods said.

Schulzke, who has three children and lives in an older unit, said her family could not afford a new apartment on her husband's \$1,700 a month salary from two jobs.

The controversy comes at a time that fast rising Berkeley-area rents

leaves many students struggling to make ends meet.

For the past year, the university has been knocking down and rebuilding apartments at the village, a 920-unit housing complex. Many of the old buildings were built during World War II to accommodate war workers and had begun falling apart.

The new units are townhouse style and wired for the Internet. The \$55 million project is being done in waves so some apartments always remain available. Since construction began, the 3,000-tenant village has dwindled to 600.

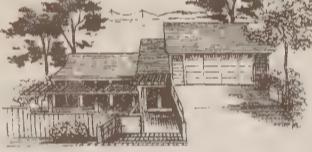
The number of units in the new housing will stay about the same, but

there will be more two-bedroom units.

Students moved into the completed units early this month. University officials have 392 finished by Aug.

LeGrande said his office has been talking with university faculty about adding housing to the complex. He's also trying to hasten part of the project to develop a commercial strip in the section bordering San Pablo Avenue to generate lease income for the project.

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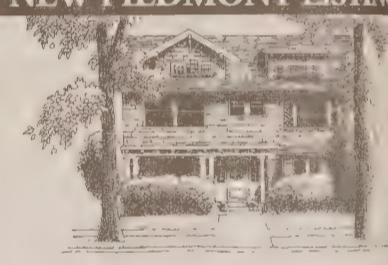


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**Tuesday, Oct. 29**

**Art's reception.** Mei-Yu Lo's recent acrylic paintings can be seen at the Oak Gallery at 1891 Solano Ave. in Berkeley from Oct. 25 through Jan. 14. There is a reception scheduled Friday, Oct. 29 from 6 to 8 p.m. Call 532-7397 for more information.

**Sunday, Nov. 6**

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**Saturday, Nov. 7**

**Orchids walking tour.** Mark Wilson will lead his final architectural walk of the year on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The tour will meet at Bernard Maybeck's Hillside at 2286 Cedar above Spruce in north Berkeley. The tour will proceed north to take in Maybeck-designed homes and Victorian and Colonial Revival houses. Cost: \$10 per adult, free for children under 12. Confirm a spot by calling Mark Wilson's voice mail, 510-273-9383.

**Thursday, Nov. 11**

**California Landscape Garden.** Slide presentation, talk and book signing from The California Landscape Garden: Ecology, Culture and Design, UC Davis professor Mark Franco presents work from his recent book on bringing the beauty, resources and natural processes of the California landscape into the home garden. 7 p.m., Builders Booksource, 1817 Fourth St., Berkeley (UC Press, \$29.95, hardcover). Call 800-843-2028.

**Saturday, Nov. 13, and Sunday, Nov. 14**

**Orchid sale.** The Orchid Society of California is holding its annual show sale on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 13 and 14, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Lakeside Garden Center, 666 Bellevue, in Lake Merritt's Lakeside Park. Orchid displays may be viewed from noon on Saturday until 5 p.m. and Sundays, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Free admission. Notable or-

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# Neighborhood stays frozen in time

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By Psyche Pascual  
TIMES STAFF WRITER

**RICHMOND** — Forty-three years ago, a blue-collar worker could buy a modest home in Richmond's Atchison Village for \$275 — about the cost of a new television set today.

The World War II-era complex built by the U.S. government was sold off for \$1.5 million in 1956 in a deal that allowed residents to form the Atchison Village Mutual Homes Corp. Many were so enthusiastic, they went door-to-door to raise the \$50,000 deposit. Some contributed as little as \$1.

"We thought that it was really the only way for us to have a home," said Orien Fitch, 77, who has lived at the complex since 1948. "That was when a dollar was worth a dollar."

Today, Atchison Village is an unbelievably inexpensive island of affordability in a sea of soaring East Bay home prices. There are 16 units on the market, including two-bedroom homes listed for as little as \$15,000 up to \$59,000.

"I know a person who bought into this place with a credit card," said resident Colin Piper, 64, who moved in two years ago.

But those low prices don't tell the whole story, say some residents. They are irate over Atchison Village's deteriorating condition, and they blame it on the corporation that is supposed to take care of it.

Atchison Village was founded on a cooperative structure, and the board must authorize increases in monthly fees used to maintain the 162 buildings.

Village officials say they face a dilemma: They could raise fees, but fellow residents have complained loudly whenever a fee increase has been proposed.

Now, there is only \$130,000 in three reserve funds for long-needed repairs. In some of the 450 units, residents have replaced fixtures and renovated kitchens, but others have never been remodeled.

"Our kitchen was put in in 1942, and it's still the same," said resident David DeForrest 58. "If you want modern electricity, you have to pay for it yourself."

At Atchison Village, functional and boxy units stand side by side, sharing a front yard. Some have new paint, lush gardens, updated kitchens. But many of the attached units have aging electrical work, outdated kitchens and old paint. Most floors are wood, but scratched.

Over the years, residents have split over how to maintain the complex. Board meetings have erupted into tense confrontations.

Karen Skowronek, president of the village board and a longtime resident, believes that Atchison Village should be a haven for modest-income and blue-collar residents.

In past years, residents grumbled whenever dues were raised, which is why the monthly dues that cover water, sewer, garbage and maintenance have never exceeded \$189, she said.

"Over the years, the maintenance wasn't kept up the way it should be. Back then, even if you mentioned a \$5 increase, that (meeting) hall would have been packed with members," she said. "That's why people buy here. People can afford to live here."

Angry residents, though, blame Atchison Village's unique legal structure for the problems. Unlike condominium complexes, housing cooperatives such as Atchison's are legally responsible for maintaining the buildings they own.

Property taxes are supposed to be paid by the village. The contract that residents sign stipulates that they only have the right to live in and renovate their units. But in some cases, Skowronek said, residents have been charged for taxes when they've made improvements that raised the value of the property.

After receiving a bill for unpaid property taxes three years ago, DeForrest successfully sued the village. His suit also accused the village of having inadequate funds set aside for repairs. Last year a judge agreed, ordering the village to pay the property taxes and set aside a \$400,000 reserve fund for repairs.

DeForrest's attorney, Richard

Bartke, said the village's governing board hasn't proved it has set aside enough money or made the repairs ordered by the judge. Now other residents have complained that the village has sought payments for dry rot repairs, even though residents say they are not responsible, Bartke said.

"I must have had 20 different homeowners contact me in recent months," Bartke said.

Bartke contends the village management can easily raise fees, but has avoided making what would be an unpopular decision. The village's attorney was not available for comment.

Ironically, the village and others like it were born in the spirit of cooperation.

Historians have hailed the type of corporation that created Atchison Village as a unique social experiment.

Built during World War II to house hundreds of Kaiser shipyard workers who flooded into Richmond, Atchison Village mushroomed almost overnight next to the former Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway.

After the war, as California made the transition to a peacetime economy, Richmond badly needed housing for its growing population. Many shipbuilders stayed in the area, joined by railroad workers and their families. In 1956, Atchison Village residents banded together to raise the down payment to buy the complex.

The mutual benefit corporation that owns the village was supposed to spawn a democratic housing cooperative run by an elected board.

In return for low housing costs, "it's a shared responsibility. People really have to be committed," said Kristian Szyllian, an associate history professor at Western Michigan University who is writing a book on defense housing developments like Atchison Village.

"Home ownership as you or I know it today was not an option for the working man or woman. This

was the only kind of housing that made sense for people," she said.

But by the late 1950s, conservative forces in Congress opposed the conversion of surplus government property into public housing, said Alexander von Hoffman, a senior research fellow at Harvard University's Joint Center for Housing Studies. Many complexes the government built were sold off to local government agencies or razed.

"There was just a big push to dismantle them and tear them down," von Hoffman said.

But Atchison Village survived, and, until recently, appeared well-maintained. One gushing newspaper story in 1994 described it as "a poor man's Rossmoor," a reference to the upscale senior community in Walnut Creek.

Although located next to one of the highest crime areas in the city, Atchison Village officials have made an attempt to keep the community crime-free. Two years ago, residents successfully petitioned Richmond to install gates around the triangular complex, City Councilman Tom Butt said.

Butt, an architect, said the city is keen on preserving the historic development.

National Park Service officials and Rep. George Miller, D-Martinez, have been pushing for funding to preserve what is left of wartime architecture around Richmond, including Atchison Village, by creating a historic park.

Such an effort may take years, however. In the meantime, Atchison Village residents finance home improvements even when they know it is not their responsibility.

"My neighbor is outside now caulking up his windows and touching up the paint," said Mark Altgett, 48, a resident who said he has spent \$20,000 on renovations for his own one-bedroom unit. "A lot of people do that."

A study commissioned by DeForrest found \$3.3 million in repairs were needed at Atchison Village, including new electrical circuits, sewer lines and wall furnaces.

"There's 50 years of deferred maintenance here," Altgett said.

Many of the village's residents pay off their home loans quickly because monthly fees are so low.

Today, many long-time residents pay only \$169 to \$186 each month in fees for garbage and sewer services. To new residents, Atchison Village isn't in the best location, but it is still a bargain.

The complex has a vigilant neighborhood watch organization and a public park with soccer fields and a baseball diamond. It is the kind of neighborhood where people knock on your door to tell you when your lights are on, Piper said.

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# Compare 15, 30 year mortgages for value

## Real Estate Forum



**By Dian Hymer**

"With a little discipline, you can shave thousands of dollars off the finance charge."

a half percent on the interest rate.

Far bigger savings are attainable simply because of the shorter loan term. For example, on a \$100,000, 15-year fixed-rate mortgage at 7 percent, the finance charge is \$61,789. Although this represents a substantial savings compared to a similar 30-year loan, does 15-year financing make sense for everyone?

One reason 30-year mortgages are popular is their relatively low monthly payments. The lower the monthly payment, the easier it is to qualify for the loan. Let's say you want to bor-

row \$150,000. You're quoted 7 percent for a 30-year fixed-rate loan. The monthly payment (principal and interest only) will be \$997.50.

Compare this to the monthly payment on a \$150,000, 15-year fixed-rate loan with a 6.50 interest rate. The monthly payment is \$1306.50.

Marginally qualified borrowers would have a difficult time qualifying for the higher monthly payment.

If you can afford the higher payments, you'll build equity faster with a 15-year mortgage than you will with a 30-year loan. This can work as an enforced savings plan.

However, as your mortgage balance decreases so does your tax write-off. If your primary motivation is to get the biggest tax break possible, you may want a 30-year loan with interest only payments.

Your personal financial situation should dictate which loan is best. For example, if your future income is uncertain, a 30-year mortgage, with lower monthly payments, will give you more control over your finances. Lenders usually permit borrowers to make additional principal payments.

When you have extra funds available you can apply this to your mortgage, but you're under no obligation to do so.

On the other hand, a 15-year mortgage might be an ideal choice for homeowners on a fixed income, who can qualify for the higher monthly payments and who want to own their home free and clear of debt in 15 years.

With a little discipline, you can shave thousands of dollars off the finance charge. For example, if you were to make one extra mortgage payment a year, you could pay off a 30-year fixed-rate loan in about 20 years.

If you have a 30-year loan and plan to make principal pay-downs from time to time, make sure that your lender doesn't have the right to charge a prepayment penalty.

Dian Hymer is a top-producing broker associate with Coldwell Banker in the Montclair/Piedmont office and author of "Starting Out, The Complete Home Buyer's Guide." Available in book stores or from Chronicle Books: (800) 722-6657.

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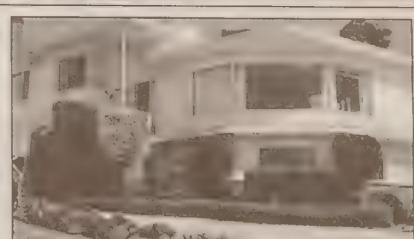
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This product was designed for clients with a strong credit profile and at least a 20 percent down payment. It offers an alternative to an interest-only loan product, allowing borrowers to reduce their monthly payment and/or qualify or for a larger loan amount by spreading the payment over a longer term.

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## Mortgage Madness



**By Karen Senzig**

"The 40 year amortization can really save the borrower in the monthly debt service."

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The interest rate is fixed for seven years and then adjusts every year thereafter based on the index plus a 2.75 margin (the fully indexed rate). Today the index is at 5.30 percent. If everything were to stay the same (which we can guarantee that it won't), today's fully indexed rate would be 8.05 percent.

There are protections as with any adjustable rate mortgage. Lets say our borrower locks in a rate of 7.375 percent for seven years. His maximum adjustment after seven years would be 3 percent over the start rate — or 10.375 percent — or the fully indexed rate, whichever was less. The life cap (the highest it could ever go) would be 12.375 percent. Of course, we have not seen interest rates that

high in more than 12 years, but the fact is there is a life cap for a reason.

Purchases even have a lender funded buy down option. Let's say the borrower chooses a note rate of 8 percent and the note rate is \$250,000.

Based on the 40 year amortization, the first year's monthly payment would be at 6 percent with a principle and interest payment of \$2751.07; the second year's monthly payment would be at 7 percent at \$3107.16 and the third through seventh year would be based on 8 percent at \$3476.56.

The 40 year amortization can really save the borrower in the monthly debt service. Consider that same \$500,000 loan at 8 percent over 30 years and you have a monthly payment of \$3668.82. The 40 year amortization saves \$192.26 per year or a little over \$2300 per year.

But of course if you are thinking about the long term, you will be paying much more interest over the life of the loan — unless you refinance at the seven year term. I suppose that's why they call it Mortgage Madness.

*Karen Senzig is co-owner of Montclair Mortgage with her husband, Scott. She can be reached at 510-339-8511 and ksenzig@aol.com.*

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# Common challenges show we can learn a lot from Swiss

## Owning a Piece of History



By Mark A. Wilson

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*Editor's note: This is part two of a two-part series.*

Last week, we explored how traditional, Swiss chalet-style form of residential architecture served as an inspiration for the designs of many great early 20th century Bay Area architects. We featured Bernard Maybeck and John Galen Howard as masters of this style. Now let's turn to the experience of the Swiss in dealing with the preservation of their own historic buildings.

We can start with Chur, an Alpine town in southwestern Switzerland.

Chur is a picturesque town with about 35,000 inhabitants, and is the capital of the canton of Grisons. It is also the oldest town in Switzerland.

The least common of the four languages of Switzerland, Romanish, is spoken by many of its inhabitants.

Chur was first settled around 3000 B.C. In 15 B.C., the Romans made this town the capital of their Alpine province. During the Middle Ages, many great Romanesque and Gothic structures were erected in the growing town, including the cathedral, built between 1178 and 1272.

Later, during the Baroque Era of the 17th and 18th centuries, splendidly ornate houses and palaces were built, which have left their mark on the city's history today.

Maja Gartmann is the press liaison at the Los Angeles office of Switzerland Tourism. Gartmann has a unique perspective on Chur:

"The new construction in Chur has been kept away from the old town. In the old town the cathedral is one of the main attractions. Then there is the old town hall, called the 'Graues Haus', or Gray House, which has been restored.

"But the historic district of Chur is also a very lively place nowadays. There are a lot of nice new restaurants, as well as antique shops, and souvenir stores, and a lot of art galleries, for visitors to enjoy. The Old Town of Chur is today a very nice place to visit."

### Not so in Ipsach

Rosemary Levy works for the Consulate of Switzerland in San Francisco, and tells a very different story about the fate of many of the historic buildings in her home town, Ipsach, Switzerland, just north of Berne.

"In my village, many lovely old wooden farmhouses were destroyed over the past couple of decades. And



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Lake Lugano, above, shines in the sun as a focal point for historic hotels and other public buildings in Switzerland. At right, modern apartments in Zermatt are built in the Swiss traditional style to blend in with the district. The Swiss, like us, have faced the dilemma of 'progress' versus historic preservation. How they handle the demands of their historic legacy is instructive.

all of these historic homes were demolished to make room for things like a new city administration building, and a shopping center," Levy said.

"When I go home to visit nowadays, I hardly recognize my town. It is such a tragic waste that all the old buildings weren't preserved."

And yet, as Levy points out, there has been a lot of emphasis on historic preservation in Switzerland in recent years. Consider the example of the open air museum of Ballenberg, near the city of Interlaken, in the canton of Berne. Here scores of perfectly preserved historic houses from all over Switzerland have been gathered, and assembled as part of a "living museum" where costumed actors demonstrate past lifestyles.

Of course, a living museum is not as authentic as having historic buildings preserved and restored in their original settings.

As Maja Gartmann explains, each municipality and canton has its own local or regional rules and regulations regarding the preservation of historic buildings.

### To Zermatt

In Zermatt, a charming historic village at the base of the Matterhorn, the record on historic preservation is mixed.

Near the center of this town of about 5,500 is a street of beautifully preserved wooden chalets from the 17th and 18th centuries.

These houses are close together in their original setting, and give visitors a good idea of what life was like in a traditional Swiss village before the advent of tourism in the mid 1800s.

Along Bahnhofstrasse, the town's main street, there is a mixture of elegant modern shops, historic hotels and old wooden chalets. Some of the historic houses in the center of Zermatt were torn down in the years following World War II and replaced

with new hotels, restaurants and stores which cater to the tourist trade.

### Restoration prevails

This trend toward modern construction ceased in the 1980s. Today all the remaining historic buildings in the town center are preserved and restored, such as the mid-19th century Monte Rosa Hotel, where the British Lord Edward Whymper stayed before he made the first successful ascent of the Matterhorn in 1865.

New structures are mostly built outside the old town area, and many are designed in a chalet style that blends in with the town's older houses.

### Welcome to Ticino

Ticino is the Italian-speaking canton of Switzerland. It lays along the southeastern border of the country just above Italy. Here, visitors have the unique experience of seeing palm trees, banana plants, and other tropical plants along the shores of Lake Maggiore. Just above the lake rise the snow-capped peaks of the Alps. This district was first settled during Roman times, and is one of the greatest areas of Switzerland for historic architecture.

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Lugano, Ticino's largest city, is the home of Mario Botta, one of the world's most distinguished architects. Botta designed San Francisco's Museum of Modern Art.

Lugano and Locarno, the principal towns of Ticino, are rich in historic buildings. Both towns sit on lakeshores and both boast a lovely piazza grande, or main town square.

These town squares are lined with fascinating examples of late Medieval, Renaissance, Baroque and Neoclassical residential and commercial buildings.

Historic buildings there are protected by local preservation ordinances. Most have been restored recently, or are under restoration by private investors with the city's approval.

### Ticino under fire

According to my guide in Ticino, there was a period in recent years when historic buildings in the old towns of Ticino were being demolished and replaced by modern homes or commercial structures.

"It seems like the only people who can survive are overlords.

That sentiment is what the citizens of Switzerland want that the remarkable beauty of their town's historic buildings would be preserved.

Those of us who fight to protect our architectural heritage in the Bay Area can take inspiration from the experience of the Swiss.

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# Elders often key to helping new families snag homes

A couple in their late 20s met at the party of a mutual friend. Soon they were in love, and he moved into her townhouse. Then came a stunning platinum-and-diamond engagement ring. The young woman's parents nodded approvingly over the match and gave the couple \$20,000. The money was to be used either for a big wedding or to buy a home.

At first, the idea of a posh wedding tempted the young woman. Each day after work she'd immerse herself in bridal magazines. But when the couple tallied up the cost of a posh wedding, they realized it would cost more than the \$20,000 they had in the bank. That meant deferred — or downsized — plans for the new home they sought in a distant suburb.

After several serious talks with the young woman's parents, the couple rethought their wedding plans. The bride would still wear a traditional gown at a religious service. But the cost of the wedding would be slashed by deleting the fancy hotel reception. Instead, the pair plan to hold their reception at the new home they expect to have built by their wedding date in the fall of the year 2000.

## Offering counsel

Facing financial trade-offs has always been a part of maturing. But these days, young people need even more counsel from their elders on establishing financial priorities than did the parents' generation, real estate specialists say.

Why? One reason is that many young people are saddled with unprecedented amounts of debt used for their undergraduate and graduate studies.

Furthermore, an increasing number of college students have been lured into credit card use even before they're handed diplomas.

## Smart Moves

By Ellen James Martin

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These days, many find it impossible to finance the sort of higher education they seek unless they have wealthy parents or resort to student loans. Hence, it is not unusual for a middle-income individual to emerge from college or graduate school with \$50,000 to \$100,000 in student loans, Goodstein says.

Yet numerous college graduates bearing school debt can still manage to obtain mortgage financing for a first home — assuming they're not engulfed in credit card debt, according to Curtis Blau, a home-loan broker for a small, independent mortgage firm.

## Planning vital

He tells the story of a recent law school graduate and his young wife, a legal assistant, who together were bearing more than \$100,000 in edu-

cation loans. Fortunately, the couple had resisted the allure of credit-card offers that came in the mail. "If they'd had credit card debts on top of the school loans, they would have been buried. They could never have purchased a place of their own," Blau says. Through careful counsel and planning, the young couple was able to purchase a modest, one-level starter home in a middle-income suburb.

Eventually, as the husband's legal career ascends, the pair should be able to buy a more spacious place if they remain frugal and stay away from excessive consumer debt.

But avoiding thoughtless expenditures isn't easy. "Young people want to buy everything really quickly. Everything has been made easy for a lot of them, as if a money tree has been growing in the back yard," says Goodstein.

Here are pointers for parents and others trying to guide young people on the path to owning their own property:

## Discover this secret to helping a new college grad get a mortgage

Has your daughter recently landed her first job after completing engineering school? Then don't necessarily assume that a home purchase is out of her reach because of the heavy burden of student loans. Some students need not begin paying back their student loans for a full three years after graduating. In many other cases, you can convince the organization servicing your loan to grant you a three-year waiver on initial payments, Blau says.

Gaining a three-year waiver on student loan payments can be a huge plus. Why? Because the guidelines used in making many conventional

or government-backed mortgages don't require you to count loans not due for three years or longer after you've taken out the mortgage. Therefore, you could qualify for a mortgage on the same basis as if you didn't have the obligation on your balance sheet at all, Blau explains.

## Know the value of a parental pep talk

As the parents of grown offspring, you may regret it if you didn't teach your children good spending and saving habits while they were still young. But it's not too late to influence most young people on matters of finance after they've reached their 20s.

The lifetime experience you have to offer your grown children in pursuit of a homeownership goal may be no more elaborate than an after-dinner chat on your living room sofa. Still, the psychological encouragement of a pep talk can be invaluable, says Goodstein, the mother of a 21-year-old as well as a teen-ager.

## Help set up counseling sessions on home buying for your offspring

Of course, you can always take your grown child to a fancy financial planner. But why pay fees when ample free counseling is available through professionals in the mortgage lending and realty fields?

Most mortgage lenders will welcome the chance to meet with young adults; as will realty agents and brokers. Indeed, it is perfectly appropriate to ask for such expert counseling a year or two before your child is ready to buy a home, Blau says.

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# Sierra Club aims to limit County's growth

By Lisa Vorderbrueggen  
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is designed to stand on its own if some or all of those are rejected.

The so-called CAPP initiatives — named for their author, the Citizens Alliance for Public Planning — would require most housing proposals inside city limits to win voter approval.

Critics said the city initiatives will force urban development into unincorporated areas where no vote requirement exists.

The countywide measure seeks to close that loophole, said Marge Macris, chairwoman of the Bay Chapter of the Sierra Club.

The initiative may be too late to stop one of the largest housing proposals in the Tri-Valley, a 12,500-house project in North Livermore.

In mid-October, the two largest landowners in North Livermore — Shear Homes and Jennifer Lin — asked Alameda County to draft a development agreement which, if adopted prior to CAPP being approved, could exempt the project from a public vote.

"We just wanted to assure a stable planning environment in which to move ahead in the ongoing planning process," said Martin Inderbitzen, attorney for Jennifer Lin.

The countywide initiative calls for the county to withdraw from the settlement agreement with the landowners.

If a majority of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors were to sign a development agreement with the landowners before a countywide measure could go into effect, its conditions would not apply.

At least one supervisor, however, said he would not support such an agreement if a ballot measure is pending.

"I would not put a development agreement ahead of a vote of the

people," said Supervisor Scott Haggerty, who represents east Alameda County.

The initiative goes far beyond establishing an urban growth boundary.

It is a wholesale revision of the county's 1994 general plan for east Alameda County, a document the Sierra Club says allows "an unacceptable degree of environmental degradation."

It includes a laundry list of provisions designed to right what Tri-Valley activists consider longstanding wrongs. Under the proposal:

■ The county will not approve the construction of a wastewater treatment plant intended to pump purified wastewater into the ground. This has been a controversial issue in the Tri-Valley ever since a local utility built a reverse osmosis plant and sought permission to inject into the aquifer.

■ The county will write a housing plan intended to encourage residential development in urban areas and provide adequate affordable housing. That includes an inventory of land where housing is suitable.

■ The county will study the potential for a plan to buy development rights from ranchers and farmers and use them where needed in the cities.

■ If the county sells land in the region, it must put the proceeds in a fund to buy open space. Alameda County sold land in east Dublin recently for more than \$100 million and owns other property in the Tri-Valley. "The county should not be living off the proceeds of unsustainable development," said Stan Erickson, CAPP chairman.

■ No new rock quarries or other mining operations will be allowed on agricultural lands without a county-wide vote.

■ Utilities, public services and roads intended to serve growth beyond what the initiative allows will not be allowed.

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**Reuse**

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case going repairs and earthquake retrofitting. It was re-opened a few years ago to great fanfare, and to the delight of most residents of the East Bay who were fond of its elegant proportions against a backdrop of modern office commercial structures.

**Green Library**

Another good example of a historic public building that was saved from demolition after Loma Prieta is Alameda's old Charles S. Green Library. A Beaux Arts gem featuring the likeness of Athena, Greek goddess of wisdom, above its main entrance, this public library was designed in 1900 by the local architect Bliss and Faville.

The Green Library sustained severe damage in 1989, and was closed for several years while the city debated how to proceed.

A few years ago, leaders approved a plan to restore and retrofit the building in an adaptive re-use program. The new occupant will be an American cultural center and museum.

Unfortunately, such wise and enlightened attitudes towards the salvaging of large historic public buildings does not always prevail. All too often, the monumental ego of many bureaucrats and developers leads to the call an edifice complex.

This phenomenon occurs when politicians or boards of directors decide they must demolish an old public building and replace it with a larger, new building. In past centuries, this razing and construction would often lead to the rebirth of some great landmarks, as happened when Pope Julius II had the old Roman Era Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome torn down to make way for the new Saint Peter's cathedral.

In recent history however, the "edifice complex" produces far less attractive results. History would be better served by adaptive reuse than by

the wrecking ball.

**M.H. de Young Memorial Art Museum**

Case in point: The most disheartening example of this current trend is the new structure that has been proposed to house the M.H. de Young Memorial Art Museum in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park.

The current museum building was designed in 1916 by the eccentric architect Louis Christian Mullgardt in Spanish Renaissance style. Its original ornate "churrigueresque" ornament was removed many years ago as an earthquake hazard.

The building sustained modest damage in the Loma Prieta quake, and an earthquake retrofit project was completed on the building a few years later. A couple of years ago, the de Young's board of directors decided they had to indulge its own edifice complex, and tear down the museum and construct a new building.

Directors insisted it was impossible to salvage the 1916 building, or to incorporate any part of it into a new complex, and so they're apparently fallen in love with a new design — architect Pierre de Mueron's sweeping, low-rise building.

Impossible to salvage? This argument is specious at best. Since the 1989 quake, many adaptive reuses of large-scale historic buildings have succeeded in the Bay Area. One of the best examples of adaptive reuse is the incorporation of the 1936 Art Deco landmark Orinda Theater into a modern shopping court that now surrounds it.

It's not a lack of feasibility, that threatens the venerable de Young, but a lack of desire by the museum's board of directors to save it.

San Francisco voters twice refused to approve a bond measure to pay for the construction of a new museum in Golden Gate Park. But the board of directors seems determined to press ahead with the project. With Mayor Willie Brown's support, the board is seeking \$200 million-plus in private funds to demolish the existing building and construct Pierre de Mueron's vision.

But even worse than the unnecessary demolition of a gracious historic structure is the travesty of a building that is planned to replace it. Zahid Sardar, design editor for the Sunday San Francisco Examiner Magazine, wrote a gushing review of the proposed new design. Sardar's uncritical evaluation would be amusing if it weren't so uninformed.

The new design consists essentially of three flat-roofed, shoebox-shaped parallel strips of concrete, which will be covered by something resembling corrugated tin. In a feeble attempt to relieve the deadly monotony of this "lunkhead architecture" (after renowned architecture critic Allan Temko), there will be a 160-foot tower at one end in the shape of an uneven, three-faced rectangle, which looks for all the world like an upended chunk of Monterey Jack cheese.

Sardar waxed about this monstrosity, calling it "a truly progressive structure that will be the envy of the art world." Hardly. As some of my artist and architect friends have pointed out, this building could only be the envy of used car dealerships, as that is the impression it creates.

Sardar quotes Jacques Herzog and Pierre de Meuron, architects of the new de Young in defending their proposal: de Meuron sniffs, "We are not at the beginning of the 20th century."

No, apparently we're back in the 1960s, judging from the throwback style of this structure. As most architecture critics, and the general public agree, the 1960s were the nadir of American architecture, when awkward designs employing inorganic materials were in vogue simply because they were "new".

Indeed, the proposed new de Young violates four basic principles of the best modern architecture of the past two decades.

■ It does not integrate with the Mediterranean landscaping of its natural site.

■ It does not blend with the revered historic structures and artifacts that will surround it, such as the Japanese Tea Garden or the Bandshell.

■ It is entirely inappropriate for its purpose, which is to house a collection of historic art objects from around the world, not an avant garde display of Los Angeles-style kitsch.

■ This design ignores the fact that most of the Western world has moved beyond the bare bones minimalist and soulless Miesian philosophy of "less is more," which was popular with architects from the 1940s through the 1970s.

Since the early 1980s, most progressive architects have designed public buildings in the postmodern mode. Postmodernism, embraced by much of the public, has re-introduced warmer colors, organic materials, a variety of textures and historic motifs from past styles.

If the board of directors of the de Young is so dead-set on seeing this new design constructed, let it sell it to a developer from Southern California.

Meanwhile, lovers of historic art in the Bay Area deserve a building more in keeping with the aesthetic tastes of a region which takes fierce pride in its unique architectural heritage. Incorporating part of the old de Young into a new, postmodern complex would be an ideal solution. Back to the drawing board, guys.

**Next week**

Next week we'll turn to part two in this series with a look at historic public buildings in the Bay Area that have been abandoned or threatened with demolition — more victims of the "edifice complex."

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1400-1402 San Jose	3 - Bd/3Ba	1-3	\$750,000
1 bedroom cottage Juana Baut, Gallagher & Lindsey (510) 521-0189			
16 Sunny Cove	38d/2.5Ba	2-4	\$545,500
Mindy Hart, Kane Real Estate (510) 523-0746			
758 Limerick	48d/3Ba	2-4	\$329,000
Darin, Harbor Bay Realty (510) 814-4824			
2930 Gibbons St	38d/2.5Ba	2-4	\$517,000
Bev & George Williams, Harbor Bay Realty (510) 522-1713			
2930 Gibbons Dr.	38d/2.5Ba	2-4	\$517,000
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1622 Clinton	2-4d/3Ba	2-4	\$499,000 Eileen Waller, Alameda Realty (510) 865-3147
Ave 48d/3Ba			
387 Catepin Dr	48d/2.5Ba	2-4	\$470,000
Harbor Bay Homes Link Team (800) 622-6028			
1214 Grand St	38d/2.5Ba	2-4	\$469,500
Signe Nelson, Gallagher & Lindsey (510) 743-1103			
2705 Santa Clara	48d/2.5Ba	2-4	\$450,500
2-UNITS Eddie Fagrey, Gallagher & Lindsey (510) 530-3140			
2012 Rosefield Loop	38d/2.5Ba	1-5	\$419,000
Jan Long, Pacific Union (415)-345-2588			
262 Beach St	2-4d/2Ba	2-4	\$399,950
Sat & Sun Open House Ringo, Harbor Bay Realty (510) 814-4848			
1708 Marin Ave.	2 - bd - ba	2-4-30	\$355,000
Father Al, Prudential (510) 849-3315			
2207 Lincoln	58d/2.5Ba	2-4-30	\$350,000
Alan Gooch, Kane Real Estate (510) 521-0980			
1359 Hansen	38d/2.5Ba	2-4	\$349,000
Russ, Harbor Bay Realty (510) 814-4713			
1617 Encinal Ave	2 - 8d/1bd	2-4	\$329,995
Central Home Link Team (800) 622-6028			
302 Ironwood	38d/2.5Ba	2-4	\$329,000
Mark, Harbor Bay Realty (510) 814-4974			
3267 Sterling	28d/1Ba	12-2	\$327,000
Ann Bracci, Gallagher & Lindsey (510) 748-1807			
910 Central	28d/1Ba	2-4	\$325,000
John, Harbor Bay Realty (510) 814-4700			
308 Court	38d/2Ba	2-4	\$309,000
Nancy, Harbor Bay Realty (510) 814-4915			
1557 Lincoln Ave.	2-8d/1ba	2-4	\$299,000
Dave Guman Real Estate, Dave (510) 523-5150			
1533 Lincoln Ave.	2 - bdr/1ba	2-4	\$285,000
Lillian Shira, Kane Real Estate (510) 865-8564			

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225 Santa Clara	38d/1Ba	2-4	\$269,500
Jeanne Letizia, Gallagher & Lindsey (510) 748-1113			
1825 Stanford	18d/1Ba	2-4	\$227,000
Jane, Harbor Bay Realty (510) 814-4810			
455 Central Ave #A	18d/1Ba	2-4-30	\$109,000
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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
510 Curtis	2 - bd - ba	2-4	\$379,000
Anne Arnold, Plant (510) 527-2100 ext 227			
Marvin Gardens Real Estate			

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1585 Le Roy Ave	4 - Bd/2Ba	2-4-30	\$995,000
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2524 The Alameda	3 - bd/2ba	2-4	\$549,000
1,000 GAMS HOME-Over 1/2 Acre Terese Ashman (510) 524-9888 x11, Berkeley Hills Realty			
367 Vassar	2 - 8d/2Ba	2-4-30	\$525,000
Berkeley Hills Yehuda Ben-Bavid, Prudential (510) 339-9290			
1082 Miller	3bd/2ba	2-4	\$515,000
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500 Cragmont	38d/3Ba	2-4	\$379,000
Ann Van Dyke, Templeton (510) 652-2133 ext 137			
1101 Oxford	2bd/1ba	1-4	\$359,000
Estate, Kent, Prudential (510) 526-5143			
1375 Rose St.	3bd/1ba	2-4	\$345,000
NORTH BERKELEY BUNGALOW Joan Brunswick (510) 524-8888 x12, Berkeley Hills Realty			
1311 Acton St.	2bd/1ba	2-4	\$329,000
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1627 1629 8th St	-bd/-ba	2-4	\$239,000
3 - Units Leslie Avant, Templeton (510) 652-2133 ext 122			
1425 Alcatraz	9 - Bd - Ba	2-4	\$299,000
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58d/2Ba	2-4	\$275,000	
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2146 Hillspring	3bd/2Ba	2-4	\$245,000
Patricia Menconi, Pacific Union (510) 339-4400			

**OAKLAND**

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
6511 Longwalk Dr	4bd/2Ba	2-4	\$800,000
Montclair Teri Carlisle, Pacific Union (510) 339-8400			
1830 Grandview	3 - bd/2.5Ba	2-4-30	\$805,000
Montclair Better Homes (510) 339-8400			
1830 Grandview	3 - bd/2.5Ba	2-4-30	\$895,000
Hill Highlands Montclair Better Homes (510) 339-8400			
2053 Bywood	4bd/4.5Ba	2-6	\$649,000
B. Wolf-Luthinger (510) 865-9343			
1040 Hubert Rd	3bd/2Ba	2-4	\$619,000
Crocker Covert, Coldwell Banker (510) 339-4700			
6625 Atkien Dr.	3 - bd/2Ba	2-4-30	\$569,000
Kurt Meyer, Prudential (510) 339-9290			
6849 Broadway Terrace	4bd/4Ba	2-4-30	\$550,000
Montclair Wells & Bennett (510) 531-7000			
437 62nd St.	3bd/2Ba	2-5	\$349,000
Rockridge Border Ruby Ng, Coldwell Banker (510) 339-4700			
657 Fairmount	2bd/1Ba	2-4-30	\$325,000
OPEN SAT. & SUN. 2-4-30 Candice Economides, (510) 273-9824, Prudential CA Realty			
5678 Ocean View	3bd/1.5Ba	2-4	\$548,000
Kathy Flynn, Pacific Union (510) 339-6460			
5856 Buena Vista Ave	3bd/2.5Ba	2-4	\$519,000
Upper Rockridge Chuck Corbin, Pacific Union (510) 339-4700			
6258 Ridgemont Dr.	3bd/2Ba	2-4	\$479,000
Ridgemont Robyn Moller, Pacific Union (510) 339-6460			
4358 Bridgewise	3 - bd/2Ba	2-4-30	\$489,000
Oakmont Terry Kulca, Coldwell Banker (510) 339-4700			
1201 Hampt St.	4bd/1 - ba	2-4	\$449,000
Claremont Charlotte Boyle, Pacific Union (510) 339-6460			
3208 Burdeck Dr.	3bd/2Ba	2-4-30	\$449,000
Joaquin Miller Nora Robison, Coldwell Banker (510) 339-4700			
2233 Pelham Pl.	4bd/2Ba	2-4	\$425,000
Montclair Chuck Corbin, Pacific Union (510) 339-6460			
1099 Mandana Blvd	4bd/1.5Ba	2-4-30	\$399,000
Crocker Highlands Donna Conroy, Coldwell Banker (510) 339-4700			
6363 Contra Costa	5bd/3 - ta	2-4-30	\$725,000
Ruth Lockhart, Coldwell Banker (510) 339-4700			
4335 Leach	5bd/2Ba	2-4-30	\$395,000
Glenview Graig Shank, Prudential (510) 339-9290			
3130 Sylvan	2 - bd - ba	2-4-30	\$255,000
Laurel Wells & Bennett (510) 531-7000			

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
7427 Potrero Ave	3bd/2Ba	2-4	\$335,000
Tom Anthony, Pacific Union (510) 339-6460			
2281 Arizona St.	2bd/1Ba	2-4	\$269,000
Laurel Nancy Moore, Pacific Union (510) 339-6460			

**KENSINGTON**

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
105 Windsor	3 - bd - ba	2-4	\$399,000
Cathie Kosel, Prudential (510) 526-5143			
259 Wilmette	3 - bd - ba	2-4	\$399,000
Chris Kafitz, Prudential (510) 526-5143			

**MARTINEZ**

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
2146 Hillspring	3bd/2Ba	2-4	\$245,000
Patricia Menconi, Pacific Union (510) 339-6460			

**OAKLAND**

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
2415 Fairmount	2 - bd/1ba	2-4	\$395,000
Lower Elmhurst Hader, Darrow, Colwell, Barker (510) 339-4700			
1830 Grandview	3 - bd/2.5Ba	2-4-30	\$895,000
Hill Highlands Montclair Better Homes (510) 339-4700			

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
2435 Leach	5bd/2Ba	2-4-30	\$395,000
Glenview Graig Shank, Prudential (510) 339-9290			
2445 Prince St	2 - bd/1ba	2-4	\$395,000
Lower Elmhurst Hader, Darrow, Colwell, Barker (510) 339-4700			

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# Bring five key questions when auditioning Realtors

Nationwide, 1999 has been a record year for new and resale home sales. It would have been even better were there not a shortage of reasonably priced home listings in many cities.

Although mortgage interest rates have risen in recent months, a lot of prospective buyers are still looking for homes; however, they are not finding enough choices.

Nobody is sure why so many homeowners don't want to sell. Listing numbers are down in most areas. Perhaps we homeowners are satisfied with our current housing situations.

If you must sell at this time of year, get your home into tip-top condition.

This season, from now until Super Bowl Sunday 2000, is the slowest time of year for home sales. If you must sell your home now, perhaps due to a job transfer, be sure it is in tip-top condition to appeal to the widest number of potential buyers.

Painting, cleaning and repairing are musts. Spending a few hundred, or even a few thousand, dollars on these fix-up expenses should be repaid many-fold in extra profit dollars.

Before listing your home, interview at least three successful, local agents.

The key to a successful home sale, especially at this time of year, is to hire the best realty agent. Ask friends, neighbors and business associates for their recommendations.

Also visit nearby weekend open houses to meet agents who are selling neighborhood homes. More importantly, you'll want to see how they treat prospects and inspect their competitive listings.

Additionally, check the newspaper classified ads of homes for sale in your vicinity. Then phone the three or four agents who seem most successful selling nearby homes. Ask them to give you their listing presentations. They will be eager to do so.

Be sure to have a list of questions for the agents who you interview. Here are the five key questions:

## Real Estate Notes

Robert Bruss

### ■ What is my home worth?

After each agent inspects your residence, he or she should prepare a written CMA (comparative market analysis). This form shows recent sales prices of comparable homes, asking prices of nearby residences now for sale and listings that didn't sell.

Each agent will then recommend an asking price for your home, but don't be tricked. Some agents "high ball" their estimates, hoping to get your listing. Those agents then ask for price reductions later. Check the comparable home sales used by each agent. Are they the same as the other agents you interview? If not, why not?

### ■ What is your marketing plan?

The best agents will prepare a written marketing plan for your home sale. Each agent will include the local MLS (multiple listing ser-

vice), the most powerful sales tool available to realty agents, because it gives your home maximum market exposure to all local agents.

But watch out for any agent who doesn't use the MLS. Such agents are trying to keep the sales commission within their brokerage office. That's good for them, but bad for sellers and buyers.

Insist your listing be put into the local MLS for distribution to members.

Also, inquire about Internet marketing through the agent's Web site, plus the local and national MLS Internet listings.

In addition, each agent's marketing plan should include weekly newspaper advertising of your home, plus brochures and local home sales magazine ads.

The marketing plan should include at least weekly phone calls or activity reports to you about your home showings and reactions of prospective buyers and other agents. Be sure to insist on written copies of

your MLS listing, the weekly ads and a printout of your home's Internet listing.

### ■ How long a listing do you require?

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Between the Lines

## Diggin' the dead in the Deadball Era

It was spring 1970 when I first heard of Thurman Munson, then a rookie catcher with the Yankees.

The Yankees were playing the A's in an early-season game and my dad and I were listening to the radio broadcast. When I heard Munson's name called for the first time, I thought the announcer had said "Herman Munster."

Maybe it was just the imaginative mind of a kid who was 12 going on 13. Maybe my ears were partially plugged. Regardless, that memory came to mind this week.

Babe Ruth's grave, at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, has a figure of Jesus peering down at a boy who looks to be dressed in a baseball uniform.

Sunday, of course, is Halloween. And for the past month, most of us have been preparing for a night of fun, thrills and fright with ghosts, witches, goblins, vampires, monsters and mad professors.

This year, the week leading up to Halloween also happened to feature the World Series. So for baseball fans who are Halloween buffs, this week has been a double treat.

Along with haunted houses and Halloween parties this year, those with access to the Internet should check out "The Deadball Era: Where Every Player is Safe at Home."

New Jersey resident and baseball fan Frank Russo created The Deadball Era as a memorial to deceased baseball players.

Russo writes on the home page that he never intended the site to be macabre or depressing. Rather, it serves as a historical reference of sorts. Still, the site's logo with crossed bats (the baseball kind, not vampires) and a baseball with a halo is a bit eerie.

The Deadball Era features a special tribute to Russo's all-time favorite player, who just happens to be Thurman Munson. Munson died in a 1979 plane crash while at the zenith of his career at age 32.

Among those listed on the "Too Young to Die" page is Carl Morton, who happened to earn National League Rookie of the Year honors the same season — 1970 — that Munson won the award for the American League. Morton, a pitcher for the Montreal Expos, was long out of baseball when he died while jogging in 1983 at age 39.

Both Rookies of the Year for 1953 also became residents of the Deadball Era long ago.

Junior Gilliam, an infielder with the Brooklyn Dodgers, died in 1978 while serving as a coach for the Los Angeles Dodgers. Harvey Kuenn, a .303 career hitter who began as a shortstop with the Detroit Tigers, died 10 years later.

Naturally, the Deadball Era is constantly under construction. Hall of Famers Early Wynn, Joe DiMaggio and Pee Wee Reese became members earlier this year. Another Hall of Famer and Munson's former battermate, Catfish Hunter, was welcomed to the club last month.

One interesting aspect of the site is the collection of photos available of gravesites of former major league stars.

Babe Ruth was a larger-than-life figure for much of his life. Even in death, Ruth's life is celebrated in a big way.

Ruth's grave, located at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Hawthorne, N.Y., is quite elaborate.

A figure of Jesus peering down at a boy who looks to be dressed in a baseball uniform adorns the headstone. In addition, fans have left bats, gloves, balls and even miniature American flags on the gravesite to give it an even

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## Five Gauchos find end zone in 52-7 rout of Albany

By Scott Strain

The undefeated El Cerrito football team, almost assuredly having won the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic title, continues its run through the lower echelons of the league Friday afternoon, visiting winless Albany at Thompson Field. Game time is 3:30.

The Gauchos (7-0, 5-0), coming off a big 34-9 victory over rival St. Mary's two weeks ago, ran past the punchless Albany Cougars (2-4-1, 1-4-1) 52-7 last Friday night in the school's homecoming game.

The actual homecoming took place in the Albany end zone as five different El Cerrito players scored touchdowns.

Quarterback Joe McBride threw touchdown passes of 41 and 14 yards to Ricky Gatewood and 25 yards to Jason Washington. McBride completed eight of 17 passes for 144 yards and suffered no interceptions. Gatewood had one completion for 14 yards.

Lamar Cotton scored on a 41-yard run, Lawrence McGrew scored on a 23-yard run and Okoro Onyike had a 1-yard run for a touchdown as El Cerrito rushed for 272 yards. David Rose led all rushers with 100 yards on 17 carries.

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EL CERRITO'S DAVID ROSE ran in for a touchdown making it 40-0 in the beginning of the fourth quarter. JOANNA JHANDA

## Berkeley's homecoming a winner

Jacket celebrate impressive 27-14 victory over Mustangs in the final home game

By Mike McGreehan

Berkeley High School's homecoming night featured some sharp-looking automobiles, led by an old-time fire truck, in a customary parade around the track at halftime.

But the Yellowjackets' biggest celebration took place on the field of play, where they enjoyed an impressive 27-14 win over Monte Vista in an East Bay Athletic League contest.

"We had a good week of practice," said Berkeley coach Gary Weaver. "The guys kept ahead in the ballgame. Our defense played well — we played well as a team throughout. It was their homecoming and they knew it was their last game of the year at Berkeley. We were very pleased."

Berkeley got on the scoreboard early and never looked back. Xavier Lowery got things started with an interception on the Monte Vista 28 with 3:47 left in the first quarter.

After three plays netted 3 yards, the Yellowjackets faced fourth down-and-7 from the 25. The team sorely needed a big play.

And they got it. Rashad Edwards connected on a 19-yard pass with Joey Terry-Jones to give the Yellowjackets a first-and-10.

After two plays and a delay penalty, Berkeley needed another big play on third down from the 11.

On yet another critical play, the Yellowjackets came through once again. Jason Washington dropped back to pass and found Erik Turner at the right sideline. Turner caught the pass, then rolled off his defender and into the end zone for the game's first touchdown.

Jamie Bloomsburgh booted the extra point and Berkeley had a 7-0 with 42 seconds left in the first period.

Late in the second quarter, Berkeley began an eight-play scoring drive that

started at its own 42-yard line. The drive got off to a slow start as Washington threw incomplete on the first two downs. But on third down, the Yellowjackets resorted to their bread and butter — the run — and enjoyed the results.

Keith Stephens ran 14 yards for a first down at the Monte Vista 44 and re-energized Berkeley's drive in the process. Reggie Johnson added to the adrenaline level with back-to-back runs of 11 and 17 yards to bring the ball to the 16.

From there, Berkeley suffered a temporary reversal of fortune as a holding penalty brought the ball back to the 24. Two incomplete passes left the Yellowjackets facing third-and-18 and needing another big play.

And on this magic night, Berkeley once again produced such a play when it needed it. Greg Jefferson carried the ball around the left side on a reverse, and before Monte Vista defenders could recover from the deception, Jefferson had run 24 yards into the end zone.

Another Bloomsburgh extra point made the score 14-0 with 1:04 left in the half.

Monte Vista tried to make a game of it in the third quarter. Forced to go to the air, Mustangs quarterback Matt Carpenter

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## St. Mary's muscles up without Smith

George runs wild for 258 yards and three touchdowns as 'Tailback High' wins again

By Karl Fischer

RICHMOND — Eddie Smith's game began and ended with a sharp pop.

One down into St. Mary's High School's 50-14 rout of Kennedy High on Saturday, the Panthers' star running back rose slowly, staggered off the field and collapsed on the sideline.

The strained rotator cuff he carried into the game now sported a deep bruise. As the ambulance pulled up, St. Mary's coach Dan Shaughnessy turned a shade paler, and his team got real quiet.

Would the loss force the Panthers to change their game plan?

"No way," Shaughnessy said after the game. "If you're a running back, and you like good football, come to St. Mary's. We're Tailback High."

It was underclassman day at Tailback High on Saturday, as sophomore Trestin

I wasn't surprised.

We'd practiced all week without (Smith). The whole team muscled up."

— St. Mary's coach Dan Shaughnessy

George racked up 258 yards and three touchdowns on 26 carries while the Panthers improved to 4-3 overall and 4-2 in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League.

Smith, who entered the game with a strained right rotator cuff, exacerbated his injury after a hard hit on the first play

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## Panthers try to double their pleasure

St. Mary's needs win over Richmond

By Peter Mentor

Dan Shaughnessy and his St. Mary's High football team can shoot two birds with one stone this week.

The Panthers would like to qualify for the North Coast Section 2A playoffs and they need a win at home over Richmond High on Saturday to get there.

A victory would ensure St. Mary's (4-3 overall, 4-2 league) the five wins it needs to qualify for the playoffs. But that would really be a moot point if the Panthers don't beat two of the teams that are above them in the standings.

One of those teams is Richmond (5-2, 4-1), so the game this weekend has double meaning. A win would be double

the pleasure for the Panthers.

The other team to beat is De Anza High (6-1, 4-1), a game set for the final week of the regular season on Nov. 13 at St. Mary's. But this week comes first and has the most weight.

"We are going to be the spoilers for the Oilers," said Shaughnessy, who watched Richmond stomp Piedmont High 40-27 last Friday.

Shaughnessy said he did not see many weaknesses watching Richmond that his team could exploit. The Oilers have only 26 players on the roster, but wearing them out did not seem to help Piedmont, a team that already beat St. Mary's.

"I did not see too much," said Shaughnessy. "They're in good shape. They're physical team and they give 100 percent. I guess we'll have to say an extra Hail

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# Berkeley golfers shooting for stars

Yellowjackets hoping adjustment to the fall schedule and a new league next year will spell success

By Mike McGreehan

For Berkeley High School, girls golf was in its third season as a competitive sport. But the switch from spring to fall did not go smoothly for the Yellowjackets.

Berkeley failed to win a match this year. And at the East Bay Athletic League tournament at Franklin Canyon Golf Course in Hercules on Monday, the Yellowjackets finished dead last in the team competition.

Despite this year's results, all is not doom and gloom for the Yellowjackets. Far from it, in fact. Opportunities for improvement abound and the only way that Berkeley can go is up.

"I really didn't realize our first match was four days after school started," said Berkeley coach Matthew Bremer. "It was bang, bang, bang. It was really hard to do this year (to make players aware of the sport and go out for the team). We're really going to do a lot of recruiting at the junior high level. I'm not supposed to coach in the offseason, so maybe we'll form a club."

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all-league as she got nosed out on a scorecard tie-breaker by Melodie Chee of Foothill.

The number one handicap hole for the tie-breaker was the par-5 seventh. Hara shot an 8 on that hole while Chee had a score of 6.

Though Hara failed to make the All-EBAL team, she still has a chance of reaching the North Coast Section tournament as an individual. The NCS tournament will take place next Monday at Diablo Country Club in Danville.

#### Newcomers

Also for Berkeley at Franklin Canyon, Mari Pierce-Quinonez finished with a score of 122 while Nora Aoyagi completed play at 139. Pierce-Quinonez and Aoyagi are both newcomers to golf, having played only since February.

In girls golf, a team can play up to four players with the top three scores counting toward the team score. Berkeley played with only three golfers Monday, despite having another promising newcomer.

That newcomer was Julietta Kusnir, who had never picked up a golf club until joining the team midway through the season.

Berkeley also had a senior, Rena Davis, who had difficulty finding time to play due to prior commitments.

"The high points of the season were mostly the individual accomplishments," said Bremer. "We continued to improve throughout the season and there were personal bests. (The players) never hung their heads, they kept plugging away. I was really proud of the team they showed all year long."

#### Support from Tilden

The Yellowjackets also received much support from their home course, Tilden Park.

"Tilden Park Golf Course has been really supportive," said Bremer. "They give us time on the course for free, they donate range balls — all of which is really important for junior golf."

Bremer also hopes to get a junior high school golf team off the ground between now and the start of next season. The plan is to get some incoming freshmen well groomed for next year's season.

In whatever league it plays next year, don't look for Berkeley to be the doormat. This team looks to be going places.

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It's one website worth looking into.

Clemente's plane dived into the Caribbean. Neither the wreckage nor Clemente's body was ever found.

At times, baseball deaths follow an eerie pattern. The American League champion Minnesota Twins of 1965, for instance, lost three players during a 12-month span in 1994 and '95 — Cesar Tovar, Bob Allison and Zoilo Versalles, the 1965 AL MVP. Unfortunately, I could find no information on any of these three players in the Deadball Era.

Another mystery remains of Cap Peterson, an outfield prospect for the Giants in the '60s. Peterson played his last major league game with Cleveland in 1969 and died 11

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# Arts



BILL MANN

Media Notes

## On the scarewaves

Scary Halloween media headlines:  
Giddings Returning to Local TV  
KSFO Radio's Afternoon Hate-monger Savage Named Head of UC-Berkeley Journalism Dept.  
ABC-7's Terilyn Joe to Replace "60 Minutes'" Leslie Stahl

Or, try this: Sonny and Cher as nalloween masks and costumes.

Worse: David Crosby.

The first three are scary enough on their own. Let me explain that last paragraph: A Santa Monica-based operator of 50 shopping malls recently conducted a poll at one of its malls in an upscale Seattle suburb, asking adults and kids what costumes they were going to wear this Haloween. Fully 46 percent of the adults, citing the "Austin Powers" movies, said they'd be digging into their closets to pull out their old "groovy" clothes from the '60s and '70s. Less than 2 percent of the kids polled said they'll go for the traditional ghost and goblins; the two top choices this year: "Star Wars" and "Pokemon" costumes.

Let's hear it for branding.

You can almost see it now: There's a knock on the door and "Trick or treat!" After the candy is distributed, two die-yed parents say, "We're grateful...and we're dead."

**Names in the News This Week:** Payne Stewart, Howard Stern, and models' eggs. Is there any way to tie all of these together?

Well, we are living in the age of celebrity and the Murdochization, if you will, of mass culture and media. And Stewart, U.S. Open champion, was a celeb. His mother and his wife both watched live coverage of his doomed Lear jet on its way into the ground on MSNBC.

The next morning, Tuesday, CNN was still giving the story lots of air time.

Meanwhile, radio celeb Howard Stern's marital breakup got plenty of national play — many of the New York dailies ran little else Monday. And no, it wasn't the usual radio publicity stunt. Stern's confessional Monday on his show (heard here on Live-105) and his admission of his failures as a husband were surprising and refreshing.

As far as the models' eggs being auctioned online, do we need any further proof that ours have become the most superficial society in the world, with only the possible exception of Venezuela (a new study out of Caracas this week reported that the beauty-queen-obsessed South American country's males spend much of their time thinking about their looks).

KGO Radio's nationally syndicated Dr. Dean Edell was having fun this week blasting the absurdity of the idea, and the outspoken radio doc came right out and said what many of us might have been

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## Astronaut to land in Berkeley

UC-Berkeley graduate and Apollo astronaut Dr. Brian O'Leary returns to Berkeley on Saturday, Nov. 6, to speak at the Second annual New Science and Ancient Wisdom Conference.

The weekend conference will run Nov. 6 and Nov. 7, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., at the International Center, 2222 Harold Way in downtown Berkeley.

O'Leary first became known as an Apollo astronaut who was slated to go on a manned mission to Mars; NASA later scrapped the plans. He taught at Cornell and Princeton universities and has since authored "Miracle in the Void" and "The Secret Coming of Science."

At the conference, he will share insights from his latest book, "Re-Inventing the Earth," which covers free energy, consciousness technologies, and a sustainable future for planet Earth.

Other topics to be covered at the New Science and Ancient Wisdom Conference include remote viewing, crop circles, the Aztec calendar, a re-appraisal of human origins, and a DNA update.

Cost is \$55 for one day, or \$95 for the weekend. All proceeds benefit Bay Area Consciousness Network.

# Store Clerk no more

Former bookstore worker finds fame in a well-received novel

By Mary F. Pols

### INTERVIEW

- WHO: Jonathan Lethem
- WHAT: Author of "Motherless Brooklyn" (Doubleday, \$23.95)

graduate programs. His barefoot folk-singing mother (who had also dropped out of college) and beatnik painter dad (who taught at Columbia) had instilled in him a belief that the writing life had to include a bohemian existence.

"I was willful, and I knew what I wanted," Lethem said.

"I had this Henry Miller idea that a writer becomes a writer by finding a garret somewhere to write in—not really understanding that that was something of the past. Now most of the writers I know went to graduate school."

Instead of a garret, he got a house-sitting job near Wildcat Canyon for his first summer here. Car-less then, he'd bum rides to the supermarket and walk to "town," Berkeley's Northgate area, once a week. The Bay Area seemed like an easy place to be, affordable (that was then, this is now) and far enough from New York to make him feel independent.

He wrote his first novel, something he says is awful and will never be published, and then went back East briefly. When he returned, he got a job at Pegasus and started to explore the literary community in Berkeley. Writers came into the bookstore regularly, and Lethem would take advantage of the opportunity.

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One of them was Greil Marcus, who obviously didn't find the attention bothersome. He recently plugged "Motherless Brooklyn" on Salon.com.

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JONATHAN LETHEM hit up writers for advice when he was a Berkeley bookstore clerk.

That was giving me an inkling that I might not be wrong to be writing fiction," he said, digging into Mama's poached eggs and chicken and apple sausage.

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THE OSCAR-WINNING Nicolas Cage plays a paramedic who is haunted by the dead he tried to save.

# Cage film gets a D as in 'Dead'

By Karen Hershenson

Marty, what happened?

How can a legendary director like Martin Scorsese, creator of such brilliant films as "Taxi Driver" and "GoodFellas," forge such an overwrought melodrama, such a relentless downer, as "Bringing Out the Dead"?

Who in their right mind is going to plunk down eight bucks to see a once-again brooding Nicolas Cage, and a disturbed homeless man shake his dreadlocks and splatter bystanders with blood?

Who wants to see Patricia Arquette whimper her lines, or a drug dealer impaled on a 14th-story fence, his guts oozing, with Gershwin for accompaniment?

Excuse me, but I'd rather feed the cats. Not that it's a bad thing to explore the underbelly of humanity.

### REVIEW

- WHAT: "Bringing Out the Dead"
- STARRING: Nicolas Cage, Patricia Arquette, John Goodman, Marc Anthony
- RATING: R (gritty violent content, drug use and language)
- RUNNING TIME: 1 hour, 58 minutes
- WHERE: Century Oakland 8, Jack London Cinema, Shattuck Cinemas in Berkeley
- GRADE: D+

Dark can be good if it's done with insight and finesse: Scorsese's earlier movies are proof of that.

Likewise, Cage has done despair before, and done it well, even snagging an Oscar for "Leaving Las Vegas."

But there's a little in this movie to care about. It's just a monotonous two hours of bleakness, without narrative peaks and valleys to offset the

suffering.

The film is based on Joe Connelly's novel about the grisly adventures of graveyard-shift paramedics in New York. These are the men and women frequently called upon to scoop the dregs off inner-city sidewalk. They're a world of relentless tragedy, offset by the temporary high of saving a life.

Trouble is Frank (Cage), as he relates in voice-over, is on a losing streak. He hasn't saved anybody in months, and he's haunted by the ghosts of those whose lives slipped away. Especially tenacious is an 18-year-old homeless asthmatic, whose face pops up everywhere, although it's never clear why she, more than the others, torments him so.

Cage is at his Cage-iest, with slumped posture, ghoulish pallor and deep-suffering gaze. I've always been a fan, but the actor seems locked in this hyper-intense mode, and needs to return to the lighter touch of "Raising Arizona" or "The Rock." Working with wife Arquette, in this case, doesn't help, as their characters' relationship never amounts to much.

She's Mary, daughter of a heart-attack victim whom Frank and his

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## HOT SHEET!

■ The Oakland East Bay Symphony opens its 1999-2000 season at 8 p.m. on Friday Nov. 19, with Michael Morgan conducting Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Concerto for 2 Pianos" at the Paramount Theater.

■ The Berkeley Ballet Theater presents "The Nutcracker Suite" Friday, Dec. 10, through Sunday, Dec. 12 at Julia Morgan Theater. Call 510-84-JULIA.

## EVENTS

### 10th annual Black Filmworks festival

Runs Nov. 4-7. A series of screenings of this year's award-winning films selected by the Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame. The festival is a tribute to African American film veterans, and features works by independent filmmakers from the United States and abroad.

Nov. 4, 6 p.m.: A reception honoring African American veterans hosted by actor Delroy Lindo, followed by a 7:30 p.m. screening of "The Invisible Soldiers: Unheard Voices." At the Paramount Theater, 2025 Broadway.

Tickets: \$60 for reception and screening; \$10 general for screening only; \$5 students for screening only.

Nov. 5, 6 p.m.: Screening of "Dunbarton Bridge" followed by an 8:30 p.m. reception and discussion with actors Tom Wright and Leo Burmester. At the Parkway Theater, 1834 Park Blvd. Tickets: \$5-\$10.

### Ashkenaz

The Johnny Nocturne Band, Kim Nalley, Oct. 29, 9:30 p.m.; \$10; California Cajun Orchestra with Danny Poullard, Oct. 30, 9:30 p.m.; \$10; Haloween Party with Tropical Vibrations, Oct. 31, 8 p.m.; \$8; Lexicon, Nov. 2, 8 p.m.; \$10; Zydeco Flames, Nov. 3, 9 p.m.; \$7; 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Call 510-525-5099.

### Aurora Theatre

"The Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams, closes Sunday, Oct. 31. Tickets: \$25-\$28.

Shows: Wednesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Oct. 31, 2 p.m. At Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Call 510-843-4822.

### Berkeley Repertory Theatre

"The Life Of Galilee" by Bertolt



COMIC, WRITER and actress Karen Williams will perform at 8 p.m., Friday, Oct. 29, at the La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Tickets \$12 advance, or \$14 at the door. Call 510-654-6346.

Brecht adapted by David Hare, runs through Nov. 5. A look at the life of Galileo. Post-Play discussions held Friday, Oct. 29 and Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Tickets: \$38-\$48.50. Shows: Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 30 and Thursday, Nov. 4, 8 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 28, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Berkeley Rep is at 2025 Addison St., Berkeley. Call 510-845-4700.

### Blakes

Critical Mass, Stiff Richards, Oct. 29. \$5; Tang, Oct. 30. \$5; Dias Funk, Oct. 31. \$5; The Steve Gannon Band, Nov. 1. \$3; Government Grown, Nov. 2. \$3; Third World, UC Buu, Jan Bonz, Nov. 3. \$5; Groove Junkies, Nov. 4. \$4.

For age 18 and older. Music at 9:30 p.m. 2367 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. Call 510-848-0886.

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# Lynch exchanges dark for light with 'Straight'

By Karen Hershenson

From David Lynch, of all people, comes this sweet and gentle story of one man's journey through the American heartland.

The director, whose style goes from dark ("Blue Velvet") to darker ("Eraserhead"), has thrown open the curtains and let in the light with "The Straight Story," a G-rated movie inspired by a newspaper article about 73-year-old Alvin Straight and his lawnmower trek from Laurens, Iowa, to Mount Zion, Wisc.

It seems a mismatch, this G-rated material and "Twin Peaks" creator Lynch, but nobody could have done it better. Other directors might have gotten too sentimental, having Midwestern men giving each other bearhugs at dramatic moments. Lynch doesn't do that, and as a result the film is brimming with natural emotion, as one man faces mortality with hard-earned wisdom and grace.

Sweeping cinematography (by Academy Award-winning director of photography Freddie Francis) caresses the greens and golds of the landscape, then pans up to the sky for a cosmic touch. Frequent Lynch collaborator Angelo Badalamenti did the bluegrass-inspired score, which pulls the whole thing together and lifts it to the next level.

## REVIEW

- WHAT: "The Straight Story"
- STARRING: Richard Farnsworth, Sissy Spacek, Harry Dean Stanton
- RATING: G
- RUNNING TIME: 1 hour, 51 minutes
- WHERE: Opened Friday, Oct. 22, at select Bay Area theaters.
- GRADE: A

But the standing ovation belongs to Hollywood veteran Richard Farnsworth, who came out of a two-year retirement to accept the role of Alvin Straight, a simple man with bad hips and failing eyesight who decides he must visit his longestranged brother, who has suffered a stroke.

It's the role of a lifetime for the 79-year-old star, who began as a stuntman in the '30s and got an Oscar nomination for "Comes a Horseman." He deserves another. With his penetrating blue eyes and weathered, deeply kind face, Farnsworth imbues his character with quiet dignity, and a stubbornness befitting this crazy quest.

Straight can't drive, so he decides

upon his rusty lawnmower for transportation, and when it conks out, uses his last few hundred dollars on a 1966 John Deere model. He hitches up a trailer, throws in a couple of rusty chairs and a cooler full of wieners and braunschweiger, and heads off down the road.

But this is like no road movie you've ever seen, with Straight putting along at 5 mph as cars, 18-wheelers, even bicyclists whiz by. You can absorb the world at that speed, experience the weather, and the charm of little towns like Clermont and Prairie du Chien. There will be tears in your eyes when Alvin crosses the Mississippi.

His quiet adventures don't call for special effects; there's no sex or gore. But this man deeply affects everyone he meets, from the pregnant teen-age runaway to another World War II vet to the bumbling mechanics (John and Kevin Farley) who fix his mower.

The movie is Farnsworth's, but Sissy Spacek adds accent as his daughter, Rose, a woman with a speech impediment who builds birdhouses and has also learned the fine art of contentment.

There will be those who can't handle the slow pace of this movie, but it will be their loss. With life speeding up insanely, Lynch forces us to slow down, and open up our hearts.

"A major Hollywood star," he said with a laugh.

His fans are appreciative of the book, even though it does depart from the science-fiction landscape of his earlier works. He's done a series of readings at mystery book stores, where the book is being well-received. And at the same time, his readership is expanding into more literary territory, in part because the book is being reviewed very seriously, which delights Lethem.

"The fact is that it's a very silly book in many ways," he said. "Viewers could be dismissive, and it could be marginalized. But they are graver and there's a more thoughtful element to the reviews. There's something really thrilling to me that I'm being read in so many different ways and so many different readers are finding the book."

He is also quite pleased that bookstore clerks are finally putting his books in the fiction section. No more wandering around looking under science fiction or mystery for the Lethem books. No more categorizing by his former bookstore clerk colleagues.

## Lethem

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writing about it.

The result is a book that's so delightfully odd that practically every page elicits a sort of how-clever-is-that? reaction. It's also sweet and compelling.

Lionel's nickname is Freakshow, and the pain he experienced growing up "different" in an orphanage in Brooklyn comes across on the page in the same piercing way as the agony of the geeky girl in "Welcome to the Dollhouse" did.

Lionel works for a semi-smalltime hood named Frank Minna (whose name is a wonderful tribute to Lethem's grandmother, Minna Frank, who endured a lifetime of being called Frank Minna by receptionists and clerks). In his own way, Frank is a surrogate father for Lionel and the three other orphans he brings into his shady "detective agency" business. He's the first person to love Lionel even a little. When he's stabbed to death, Lionel needs to become a real detective to find his

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thinking Monday: "Look, I've been around plenty of beautiful women, and as a group they're not exactly the brightest people I know. As for good-looking Hollywood couples, do you really envy them and all their divorces?" Thanks for saying it, Dr. Dean. Irate beautiful women reading this will just have to deal with Edell's calamity. (Do I hear violins?) Hey, if you're beautiful AND you read, you're well ahead of the game.

IPO-Mania: Modeleggsonline — Sounds like a great name for an Internet start-up.

And be assured there will be another wave of IPOs before long. There's a crop of ambitious new Net start-ups just waiting for the right market conditions to go public, lose money and send their stock prices soaring.

An occasional Net investor, I've done a survey and have obtained some literature about a few of these Internet IPO wannabes. And frankly, many of them are either shaky-sounding or branding rip-offs. Here's a sampler:

**TheStreep.com** — The Oscar-winning actress parleys her offbeat good looks and her screen success into an earnest-looking stock-pick-taking Web site.

**Red Cat software** — A photo gallery of famous goateed communists, from Lenin to Malenkov. The company's Lenix software allows users to add or customize beards to fit these zany Marxists with customized Adobe Photoshop apps.

**dyslexia.cmo** — (I was unable to access this site)

**E-trade** — "We offer a database of sound files of all of Castro's major policy speeches from 1958 to the present. Average download time: approx. 14 hours."

**Bricsandmortar.com** — "Your complete offline store for building supplies."

**mojoOnline** — "Get our mojo working here, whatever that is."

**T-net** — "Anything and everything about the former A-Team's co-star including certified replicas of

leprechauns and

miniseries about leprechauns and

# Snapp dives in with opinion on Splashpad



MARTIN SNAPP

Snapp Shots

For some time, both proponents and opponents of the controversial Splashpad Park proposal in Oakland's Grand Lake area have been asking me to endorse their position. And I've been doing it as long as possible. That's because I have a lot of respect for the people on both sides. Opposing the Splashpad are folks like Harlan Kessel, Tom De Benedictis and Carolyn, who are the very model of well-spoken citizens. (Harlan is former board member of the East Regional Park District, and Tom and Carolyn are the movers and shakers behind that great farmers market that takes place every Saturday morning under the way.)

On the other side is the plan's author, Councilman John Russo, who has no idea of what a public space ought to be (I once dubbed "The Mayor of Grand Lake"), as well as local neighborhood groups and most of the mom and pop stores along Grand Avenue.

At issue: Should that pie-shaped sliver of land between Interstate 80 and Grand Lake Park avenue — aka the Splashpad — be reconfigured so the greenbelt will run along Grand, connecting two formerly isolated shopping districts with part of the former open space given over to a large retail magnet store — say, a Trader Joe's? There are a lot of arguments on both sides, and the debate has gotten quite heated, even nasty, at times. But I won't bore you with details here.

That's what the new Splashpad proposal would solve. It would turn an unusable park into a usable one. It would narrow those side streets so you wouldn't have to fear for your life every time you cross.

And putting in a Trader Joe's (or some other magnet store) is an idea whose time is way overdue. Ever since the local Wells Fargo branch closed down a couple of years ago — taking all that foot traffic with it — the Grand Lake shopping district, one of the jewels of Oakland, has been slowly dying.

Harshest hit have been the indigenous mom and pop stores that have been the very soul of the neighborhood. If they can get a T.J.'s in there soon enough, they might have a fighting chance of surviving. Without it, they're dead meat. And so is the neighborhood.

The opponents of the Splashpad proposal argue that the farmers market will bring in enough foot traffic all by itself. But the farmers

market only operates for four hours on Saturdays. What about the rest of the week?

And even the farmers market doesn't use the park. Instead, it's held under the freeway overpass. So I'm sorry, Harlan, Carolyn and Bruce. I still think the world of you, but I can't support your position this time.

The issue isn't saving Splashpad Park. The issue is saving Grand Lake.

I guess I should have expected

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### MALE BONDING

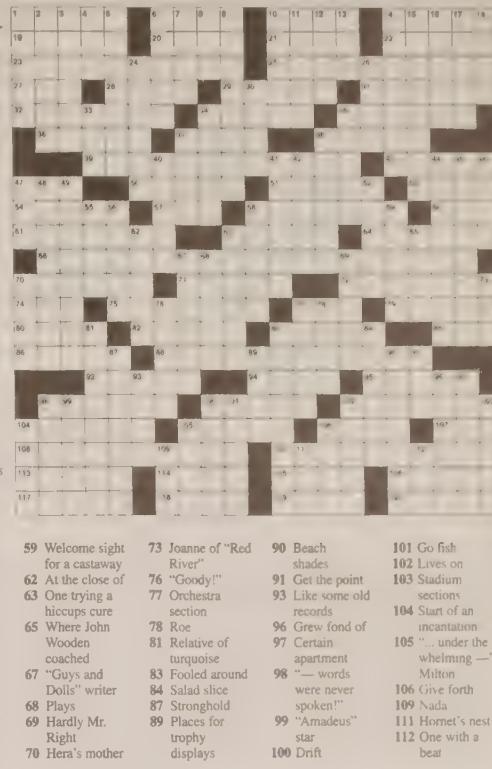
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mail after my column about BART, but I was floored by the sheer volume. Almost everyone agreed with me, but many of you thought I was too easy on the station agents.

"I know you were trying to be polite," says Paul O'Cury of Albany, "but it seems to me that you just sit around doing nothing."

"I find them to be worthless," adds Andrea Safir of Berkeley. "Most of them don't seem to be interested in helping anyone. I wonder what their job description is?"

Well, I've had my run-in with

station agents, too. But I've also encountered station agents who went out of their way to be nice, so I didn't feel it was fair to tar them all with the same brush.

But the most interesting letter I received was from Glen Krell of El Cerrito, and I'd like to quote him at some length:

"BART's main problem is that it is run by an all-too-mysterious board of nine directors who are well-insulated and accountable to no one.

"1) Look in the front of your telephone book where you see the

'easy index' for government officials. You can easily locate your state senator, assemblyperson, etc. by looking at the maps there. But there's no information about your BART board representatives.

"2) Look in the 'All About BART' Brochure. Nothing there about any board of directors' districts.

"3) Go to any BART station and look at all the bulletin boards and display cases. Nothing about any

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## Dining & Entertainment

AN ADVERTISING FEATURE

### The Cantina

4239 Park Boulevard  
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Come join us at the first Chevys, located in Alameda. We serve the freshest food and the best margaritas with a fun atmosphere.

Dishes are created with the freshest ingredients available, with cilantro and a variety of mild and hot peppers. An extensive collection of hot sauces from around the world allow you to add your own special spice to make your meal truly your own.

Margarita's are made to tickle your taste buds. The variety is extensive, the quality and flavor unbeatable: a house margarita, golden, original, blue, pink, sweet, fruit, and of course, the ultimate. Sounds like we're on our way to a great Fiesta and there's more: Great Luncheon Specials Monday through Saturday; the hottest Happy Hour in paradise; not to mention, the best place to spend a Monday night watching football in the NFL. Dine indoors or out.

### Garibaldi's on College

5356 College Ave., near Manilla, Oakland (510) 595-4000

The menu at Garibaldi's focuses on Mediterranean-style seafood, from tantalizing appetizers (baked oysters, scallop ceviche) to perfectly done entrees (grilled swordfish, spaghetti with scallops and prawns).

Zesty mussels, with saffron, aioli and orange are piled high, and a rich dessert of warm chocolate pudding-cake, espresso ice cream and toasted nuts is enough to satisfy almost anyone.

First-rate pizzas and cold tapas make this a great place for sharing, and a semi-private back dining room is good for groups. Major cards accepted and wheelchair accessible.

### Grand Oaks

3701 Grand Avenue  
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Elegant relaxed dining at prices you can afford. Banquet Facilities are available for all occasions. Early Bird specials and a cozy patio make the Grand Oaks a truly enjoyable dining experience.

### Julia Morgan Theater

2640 College Avenue  
Berkeley (510) 845-8542  
www.juliamorgan.org

The Julia Morgan Theater is hopping with great events this fall and winter!

Highlighting this season's calendar is "The Century's Best," a tribute to the great songs and composers of the 20th century. All shows are \$25/\$20/\$15, and you can also attend a fabulous dinner buffet before each show for \$11. You can see a complete listing of the shows in our display ad in this section.

This weekend, October 23-24, you can't miss "Capacitor," a dance/acrobatics troupe that will knock your socks off with aerialists, bungee cords, jugglers, capoeira, and more! Call (510) 845-8542 for tickets and info.

### King Shang

5912 College Avenue, Rockridge  
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fax (510) 428-1998

Located on College Avenue, between Harwood and Chaton, King Shang features tantalizing Chinese cuisine in a cinnamom ambience. From sizzling rice soup to sweet and sour chicken and mu shu vegetables, the zesty aromas and flavors are refreshing. Delivery is available on orders of \$25 or more.

### La Creme de la Creme

5362 College Avenue  
Oakland (510) 420-8822

Come join us in celebrating our 18th anniversary. We are featuring some of our signature dishes, including Grilled Jumbo Scallops and Tiger Prawns or Brochettes, Rack of Lamb ala Marechale, Rib-Eye Steak Au Poivre and Filet Mignon Oscar. Our chef has also prepared an extraordinary Seafood Specials menu for this occasion. Try our award-winning sumptuous desserts, Gateau La Creme and Pear Brioche. You can also enjoy your dining experience in our heated garden patio. Please call (510) 420-8822 for reservations.

### Meridian Restaurant & Lounge

1051 Pacific Marina Alameda (510) 748-0920

The Restaurant & Lounge offers a contemporary and spacious interior with a waterfront view. Our dining room features an intimate setting with a backdrop of the Oakland skyline. The menu is moderately priced with a seasonal organic cuisine, featuring high-quality ingredients. Full Bar. Banquet room available for large parties. Open 7 days a week. Lunch: Sun-Sat 11:30-2:30 pm. Dinner: Sun-Wed 5:30-9:30 pm, Thur-Sat 5-10 pm.

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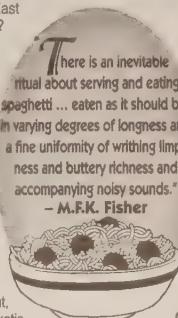
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**Nava Restaurant**5478 College Ave., Rockridge  
Oakland (510) 655-4770

The best place in the East Bay to eat your last meal? That would be Nava, a new gem in Oakland's culinary crown.

This place is a winner and the bill of fare, which changes monthly to take advantage of peak seasonal ingredients, is downright fabulous. The taste sensations here are seductive and varied. Every appetizer is astounding, and the crab cakes are a knockout, enhanced by a range of exotic relishes, glazes and sauces, on every menu so far. The menu features seven to eight entrees featuring fish, fowl, a vegetarian entree or two, and fabulous cuts of meat.

**Pasta Pelican**2455 Mariner Square Drive,  
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Pasta Pelican offers waterfront dining featuring fine Italian food and spirits – and wonderful values!

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**The Reef**1000 Embarcadero  
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At The Reef restaurant you get a combination of quality fresh fish bought daily, with the culinary expertise from the same owners for 18 years.

The menu features grilled, sautéed,

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**West End Throws Halloween Bash**

by Cindy Whitman

Adults and kids under 12 are invited to spend the afternoon today with a host of ghosts, goblins, witches, pirates, princesses and other characters at the annual Trick or Treat on Webster Street in Alameda, an event sponsored by the West Alameda Business Association (WABA), Alameda Journal and Hills Newspapers.

Free candy will be given out at participating businesses from 2 until 6 p.m. Free pumpkins provided by the Pacific Coast Farmers Market, one per family while supplies last, will be available between 2 and 3 p.m. at the Webster St./Taylor Ave. parking lot.

A costume contest for the kids runs from 3 to 4 p.m. in the parking lot, with a silver dollar from Fort Knox (1504 Webster) for first-place, a coupon book from McDonald's (715 Central) for second place, and a free slice of pizza from Alameda Pizza (1538 Webster) for third place.

New this year is a haunted house open in the parking lot throughout the event and special dining offers from neighborhood restaurants including: 25 percent off any order from the Whole Shabang (1400 Webster); free ice cream dessert with purchase of any dinner from Thai Place (1405 Webster); buy one dinner and get the second half-off from Tillie's (1500 Webster); buy one dinner and get one of equal or lesser value from Shan India Cuisine (1531 Webster); one dollar off any drink from the Island Paradise Club (1436 Webster); buy at least one lunch special and receive one order of egg rolls or pork buns free from East Ocean Seafood Restaurant (1713 Webster); receive a free two-liter bottle of soda with any 12, 14 or 16-inch pizza with three or more toppings from Alameda Pizza (1538 Webster).

"This year's Halloween event will be a lot of fun for the whole family and better than ever," Kent Rosenblum of Rosenblum Winery, Providence Pet Clinic and president of WABA, commented.

"We appreciate the support of our West End businesses and hope you will patronize them throughout the year," Rosenblum added. For more information on the Halloween event or WABA, call Sarah Sykes of WABA at 510-523-5955.

**Heavenly Halloween grub**

Well we have found another interesting place to spend Halloween. The staff at Spettro's really gets involved in the evening. Spooky decorations and a staff appropriately attired for the occasion provide the righteous ambiance for the evening. Combine this with specialty dishes that are ... shall we say ... "unique" to Halloween dinner at Spettro's. Devilish little entrees such as Jack O'Lantern

Curry, Chernobyl Trout and my favorite, Severed Hand Meats off with Booberry dessert to enjoy a frighteningly delicious and dinner. Any other day of the elevations are not necessary, but for this special occasion, I recommend reserving a place at Spettro's located at 5362 College Ave., Oakland (510) 420-8822.

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# Dining & Entertainment

AN ADVERTISING FEATURE

## Thirty-five years of scrumptious pies, fabulous feasts

by Duke Reedy

When Doug Walker graduated

from City College Culinary School on June 15, 1964, he knew exactly where he was headed. On July 13 of the same year, Walker's opened at 1491 Solano Avenue in Albany. Initially, Walker's restaurant was open in the morning for coffee and pie, and then later for lunch. The Heather and Thistle, located four blocks down the street and owned by Doug's father was open for dinner.

An enterprising waitress men-

tioned to Doug that many of the customers had suggested that the

customers were interested in

breakfast. Doug thought it was a

great idea but did not have the

time to bake pies, cook lunch and

prepare breakfast. The waitress

volunteered to be the morning

chef, and breakfast at Walker's

was born.

During these early years, pies

were first offered for sale during

the Thanksgiving season. That

last year, Walker's sold 225 pies

for the holiday.

1970 was another milestone for Walker's, when they began serving dinner. Then in 1973, Doug's sister Carol, also known as Dolly, returned to the Bay Area and became involved in the restaurant. "Carol is the accountant and I am the chef," Doug said proudly.

Doug and Carol speak proudly of their thirty-five years in business. No small feat on an Avenue which boasts forty eating establishments of one type or another. The expansion of the restaurant in 1976 to its current size, an event that the Walkers performed without interruption of business, is another highlight.

Then there was the fire in the liquor store next door, which Doug and Carol owned, that started on the roof. Firefighters battled the blaze to a successful conclusion at two o'clock in the morning. The restaurant was full of soot and smoke from the blaze. Doug asked Carol for advice, and Carol suggested calling their friends for help. At six in the morning, many friends came in to wipe walls, wash and iron curtains, mop

floors and have the restaurant ready for the dinner crowd.

That is the real story of Walker's Pie Shop: the people, the customers who have patronized the establishment for years; and the employees who have passed through the doors over the past thirty-five years.

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Pictured from left are Dolly Walker, new owner Jorge Sandoval, and Doug Walker.

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More than eighteen varieties of the 1500 pies must be baked, boxed and ready for the customers within two days, using an oven that has a capacity to bake sixty pies at a time. Pie-makers are rewarded with a gourmet breakfast from Doug and Carol on Thursday morning when the last one leaves the oven.

July 1999 was the last anniversary dinner for Doug and Carol and the first for Jorge and Emma Sandoval. Jorge began washing dishes for Doug and Carol in

1986. As Doug taught him the ins and outs of the kitchen, Jorge appreciated and loved the business more and more. Jorge, always eager to learn more about his art, attended the Contra Costa Culinary Arts School, and graduated in 1990.

Jorge has been part of the business for fourteen years, producing exciting specials and the favorites that make Walker's unique.

With Doug and Carol's retirement, Jorge and Emma will assume ownership on November 1st of this year. As Carol said in her October newsletter, "We feel sure that this is the best thing we can do for our customers: providing someone with the skills, integrity and desire to carry on the traditions of quality and service that we have always sought to fulfill."

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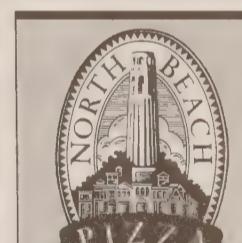
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# Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

## Classes

**The El Cerrito** Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane offers a series of classes on Basic Crochet for beginners and intermediate, Tuesdays and Thursdays, Nov. 2 to Nov. 25, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**The El Cerrito** Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, offers Line Dancing classes for beginners and intermediates starting on Nov. 2 and continuing through, Nov. 23 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Residents \$30 and non residents \$37.

**The YWCA** offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. The orientations outline the resources available to the public including a variety of workshops held Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. For additional information call 848-6370.

**"Internet Resources** for Consumer Health Information," classes on Fridays, Oct. 29 and Nov. 5 provide answers to health and medical questions. The session take place at Vista Community College, 2020 Milvia St., Rm. 203B. It is a .5 unit course and the fee is \$5.50. Call admissions and records for questions about registration. Enrollment is open until the day classes begin. Call Vista Library at 841-8860 ext. 279 for more information.

**Ashkenaz**, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalaripayattu Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. The Ashkenaz is a nonprofit music and dance community center. Call 525-5054 for additional information.

**The Ecology** Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., offers a hands-on workshop for making a simple solar cooker using only sunlight as fuel. Learn basic solar principles and hear how solar cooker benefits people around the world. Cost is \$10 for non members; \$7.50 for members, plus \$10 for materials. Call 548-2220 for more information and to sign up.

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**Berkeley Community** Media presents classes covering camera techniques, movement, composition of shots, tempo, continuity, editing, sound influence. Screenings will include works of Godard, Wong Kar Wai, Spike Lee, and others. This class is for anyone interested in film, video and the power of the media. Call 848-2288, ext. 810 for additional information.

**Learn Your Rights When Dealing with the Police**, a free three-hour orientation teaches how to observe police and to

help prevent police brutality. Copwatch is a grassroots, all-volunteer organization, which works to defend the rights of everyone under the law. For additional information, call 548-0425.

**Life Stories/Collage** and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teachers are Diana Bonn and Judith Carroll. Call 845-6830 for additional information.

**Contemporary Women's** Issues class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MFCC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

**Dance & Fitness** Classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly-dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theatre dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$6-10. Information: 848-6370.

**Let's Swing** and Jitterbug; 7 p.m. beginning classes 8 p.m. Intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

## Children

**The Julia Morgan Center for the Arts**, 2640 College Ave., presents Halloween Magic Show on Sunday, Oct. 31 at 2 p.m. \$5 for kids, \$10 adults. The event features Boogie Woogie with Jack London George and Lincoln The Magician. There will be a parade and candy. Call 883-7001 for tickets and additional information.

**The Child Car Seat Safety Check-up** takes place on Saturday, Nov. 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Douglas Park Lot across from Spenglers, Hearst Ave. and 4th St. Enter on Hearst Avenue. Trained technicians help to install car seats properly. More than 80 percent of child safety seats are used wrong. For more information call Berkeley Public Health at 665-6839 or Alameda County Public Health at 628-7607.

**King Middle School** Theatre, 1781 Rose St., presents Macbeth on Friday, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m. Start Halloween weekend with King Middle School students as they perform an hour version of Shakespeare's play, adapted by King's drama teacher, Richard Silberg and directed by Amy Sall. Call 644-6280 for additional information.

**Kids** and their adult companions can explore the University of California Botanical Garden with Docent Lois Paul the last Sunday of every month at 1 p.m. You will visit a section of the Garden that represents a different continent or foreign country, find out what's spe-

cial about the plants that grow there, and then draw what you see. Call 643-2755 to reserve your space.

**Theater Camps**; Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

## Health

**Charcot Marie Tooth** (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

**YWCA Health** and Community Education; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

## Community

**Berkeley Crush** Festival takes place on Sunday, Nov. 7, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel Berkeley Marina, 200 Marina Blvd. Sample the wonderful wines and food from 40+ wineries and restaurants. Silent auction and raffle. Hosted by the Berkeley Chamber of Commerce. For tickets and additional information call 549-7003.

**Christmas in April** is currently accepting applications for its program of free home repairs. Applicants should be low-income seniors, 55 or older, or disabled residents who own their homes. Applications are due on Nov. 1. Call Christa or Jeff at 644-8979 for additional information.

**ACCI Gallery** presents a Halloween art auction and party on Saturday, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m. A silent auction, 50 art pieces, fine art ceramics, jewelry. Music by the Bob Schoen Jazz Quartet. Costume optional \$5.00 per ticket. Advance ticket sales or pay at door. The event takes place at 1652 Shattuck Avenue. Call 843-2527 for additional information or ACCIart@aol.com www.acci-search.com.

**El Cerrito Royal**, 6510 Gladys Ave., adjacent to the St. John's Community Center, invites children of all ages to enjoy a safe Halloween celebration on Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The event features a petting zoo, apple-bobbing, storytelling, door-to-door trick or treating, clowns and scarecrows. Residents of the senior community will be wearing costumes and preparing bags of treats and balloons for all children attending. If you would like to join in the fun, call Sonja Givens at 234-5200.

**Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin Avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information call 548-2220.

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The El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mosser Lane, Monday-Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information call 215-4370.

**Work Buddies:** volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum three-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nanette Lipton, 644-8292.

**Psychic Healing** clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief; 1-800-642-9355

**SMART project;** the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

**The Edible Schoolyard**, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

**English-in-Action** lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley. Call 843-9716.

**Women's Daytime** Drop-in Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

**Exhibits**

The sixth annual "Women of Color Arts and Craft Show" takes place on Saturday, Nov. 27, from 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave. Admission is free. The show presents a group of exhibitors selling their original, hand-crafted work. This year features paintings, clay sculptures, textile, jewelry, quilts decorative furniture and wearable art. Call Adela at 845-0422 for additional information.

**An exhibition** of exquisite Indian miniature paintings dating from the fifteenth to early twentieth centuries, presented by UC-Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive, continues through Nov. 28. Guided tours of the exhibition are offered by UC-Berkeley graduate students on Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. For further information on these or any other museum programs, call 642-0808.

**Window to the Unconscious: Surreal**

"At the Close of the 20th Century," an

exhibit of paintings, watercolors, and small objects from the collection of

Margaret Alafai continues at the Gallery

of the Center for Psychological Studies.

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**Events**

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**Performances**

**Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge**  
Environmental Education Center Halloween Party is Saturday, Oct. 30, 1-3 p.m. Discover how birds help control the population of creepy crawlies on a bird walk, learn about bats and owls that fly at night, dissect an owl pellet, and try some Halloween games. Reservations required.

Free admission.

To get to San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Environmental Education Center, from Highway 101 or Interstate 880 take Highway 237 to Zanker Road and turn off Zanker on Grand Boulevard, Alviso.

Call 408-262-5513.

**El's Mile High Club**

Birdlegg, Oct. 29; Halloween Party, Oct. 30, Doors at 8 p.m.

El's is at 3629 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland. Call 510-655-6661.

**Fairyland**

A fairy tale theme park features more than 30 colorful fantasy sets designed especially for children age 10 and under. There are gentle rides, a train, the "Peter Rabbit Village," puppet shows, story telling and lots of slides and animals.

"Jack O'Lantern Jamboree," runs Oct. 29-Oct. 31. Fairyland is transformed into a gentle spooky fantasy land with a ghost and goblin tunnel, a chance to come in costume. Friday and Saturday, noon-7 p.m.; Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Admission: \$6.

Fairyland Child Personalities Performances run through November. Fairyland's 36-member performance ensemble will present one of three musicals every weekend. The ensemble's members range in age from 6-8.

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and Finance Clubs, 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Sunday at 10 a.m., Rev. Billy Austin, is keynote worship service speaker. Donation \$25 or more. Call 844-1263, for additional information.

**The YWCA** offers free orientations of its "What is Meditation?" is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Bookellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Pragto Dove is the facilitator. Call 64-0861 for additional information.

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Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different programs the center offers, including the great variety of workshops. The orientations are held every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. The center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. For information, call 848-6370.

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**Religion**

**"Daily Word"** Readers: To study Unity principles contact Anne Allen, 843-5611.

**Theater, Dance & Film**

**Winning Photos:** First annual Richard Nagler Photography competition of the Judah Magnes Museum highlights images by 15 extraordinary photographers.

The Magnes Museum's new competition encourages Jewish work in contemporary art forms. The exhibit continues through Oct. 31. Call 549-6950.

**Swing Dance Classes!** Learn East Coast swing and Lindy Hop with Michael

and Persephone of Shagtime Dance Instruction, on Mondays at the Work Studio, 2566 Telegraph Ave. Beginning Lindy Hop runs 8:30-9:30 p.m. East Coast Swing from 7:8 p.m., and beginning Lindy Hop 8-9 p.m. on Tuesdays, at The Beat, 2560 Ninth St. Classes run as a monthly series. For more information, call Michael Marango at 528-7858.

**Volunteers**

**Women's Cancer** Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave., is looking for compassionate volunteers to help women with cancer. The next training session begins on Nov. 1. Call 548-9286, ext. 309, for an application and more information.

Middleton," says Keith Jeffords of El Cerrito. "I was only aware of Dr. Muscatine as an author, a quiet presence in the halls, and a legend as a Chaucer authority. But I knew nothing of the story of the loyalty oath or his history during World War II. It's uplifting to see just greatness, but a range of real virtues, in one human being."

But many more of you were mad at me for writing about Ms. Ullsvik at the end of the show's run, rather than the beginning, which meant you didn't have a chance to see her for yourselves. I promised to let you know when her next gig occurs, and here it is:

She has formed a singing group with some of her friends called The Evergreen Ensemble, which she describes as "a band of classical musicians who like swing, blues and crooning things up a bit." They'll be performing at the San Remo Hotel Bar in San Francisco Nov. 13th and Dec. 4th.

Finally, many readers wrote to express their admiration for Charles Muscatine, the English professor at Cal who defied the loyalty oath 50 years ago.

In the late '60s I studied at Cal with one of the greatest of the next generation of medievalists, Anne

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board of directors' districts.

"Go to BART's official Web site. Yes, there is some information about the directors there. But try to figure out which one represents you? Where's the maps showing the districts? Golly, they aren't there!"

"5) Next time you ride a BART train, notice the on-board signs. Some tell you about the BART police, about no eating or drinking or radios. Others tell you about recycling your newspaper. Some signs congratulate BART workers for attending some transit workers event, etc. But a curious thing: None of these signs ever has information about the BART board of directors' districts.

"6) Ask any station agent, 'Who is the BART board member for this area?' They will tell you they have no idea.

"7) Take a look at the crazy-looking districts on the maps. For instance, I live in El Cerrito, but my district director is Willie

Kennedy. She's never answered any letter or phone call I've made to her. And why should she? What does she care what happens in El Cerrito? She's way over in San Francisco.

"I'm lucky. I can ride my bike to work most days and just ignore BART. But until the issues I've described are understood by the voters and BART riders, I can't imagine BART improving anytime soon."

Meanwhile, my column about the Albany Bowl, the last of the local old-time bowling alleys, scored a nostalgic strike with many readers. But Harry Savage of Rockridge wants to know, "How come you didn't mention the College Avenue Bowl? I remember Helen Davis and her husband Rosie giving lessons there when I was a paper boy 50 years ago."

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# Events

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The shows are "The Wizard of Oz," "Aransari the Spider" and "Hanuman the Monkey King." Saturday-Sunday, noon and 3 p.m. Tickets: \$5 general includes unlimited rides; free children under age 1. Wednesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Grand and Bellevue Avenues, Oakland. Call 510-452-2259 or 510-238-6878.

## Four Seasons Concerts

Flamenco guitarist Rene Heredia plays Saturday, Oct. 30, 7:30 p.m. A performance of Heredia's own arrangements. She will be accompanied by flamenco dancers.

Tickets: \$25-\$35. Performance at Scottish Site Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland. Call 510-451-0775.

## Fright and Salvage

Sourdough Slim and Ramblin Jack Elliott, Oct. 29, \$15.50; Karen Savoca, Oct. 30, \$13.50; Natalie MacMaster, Oct. 31, \$17.50 at First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2348 Channing Way, Berkeley.

Noelle Hampton, Holcombe Waller Nov. 3, \$16.50; Ferrom, Nov. 4 and Nov. 5, \$16.50. Music at 8 p.m. at 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. Call 510-548-1761 or 510-762-5288.

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## 924 Gilman Street

American Steel, The Cost, Yankee Bass, Black Cat Music, Nothing Cool, Oct. 29; Plan 9, Anti-World, Keno Champ, Oct. 30.

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## Growing Up Asian

Runs through Oct. 31. This Bay Area program is the largest educational program in the country celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage. The exhibit features local winners chosen from 1,800 entries.

Berkeley Public Library, North

Branch, 1170 The Alameda, Berkeley. Call 510-644-6850.

Hayward Public Library, 835 C St., Hayward. Call 510-293-8685.

Oakland Public Library, Rockridge Branch, 5366 College Ave., Oakland. Call 510-597-5017.

Free admission. Call 415-433-6859.

## Habitot Children's Museum

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Habitot is a museum for children age 7 and younger. Highlights include WaterWorks, an area with some unusual water toys; an Infant Tree for babies; a garden especially for toddlers; a child-scale grocery store and cafe; and a costume shop and stage for junior thespians. The museum also features a toy lending library.

"Back to the Farm" is an open-ended interactive exhibit which gives children the chance to wiggle through tunnels like an earthworm, look into a mirrored fish pond, don farm animal costumes, ride on a John Deere tractor and much more.

Tickets: \$4 adults; \$6 child age 7 and under; \$3 for each additional child. Hours: Monday and Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Kittridge Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley.

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## Halloween at the Square

Event is Oct. 30, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Bring the children for a visit to a pumpkin patch, arts and crafts, a bounce house, costume contest, pumpkin painting, a scavenger hunt, scarecrow stuffing, carnival games, photos of your child in costume and more. The children's costume contest will award prizes for the scariest, best homemade and best overall costumes in two categories: children ages 6, and children ages 7-12. Proceeds benefit the Scholarship Fund for the Port of Oakland Asian Employees Association. Free; \$5 for Scarecrow Stuffing. At Jack London Square, Broadway and the Embarcadero, Oakland. Call 510-814-6000.

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## HALLOWEEN EVENTS

### Plaza tricksters to scare up treats

The El Cerrito Plaza marks 18 years of celebrating trick-or-treat by again inviting children ages 2-12 to don a costume on the Friday before Halloween and join the parade through the center, where merchants will have candy and good wishes at the ready. This year will include a surprise visit from a popular superhero who will greet and try to out-trick each trickster. Kids can also enter the annual Halloween coloring contest. Pickup applications at any Plaza store, the Plaza security office or the Plaza management office. The contest runs through Oct. 28, with winners announced on Friday, Oct. 29. Categories include children in age brackets 4-5, 6-7, and 8-10. Winners are judged on originality and scariness. All winners receive ribbons, and the winning entries will be displayed at the Plaza. First-, second- and third-place winners in each category win \$25, \$15 and \$10 in Plaza money respectively.

### El Cerrito Royale invites trick-or-treaters

El Cerrito Royale, 6510 Gladys Ave. adjacent to the St. John's Community Center, invites children of all ages to enjoy a safe Halloween celebration Oct. 31 at 6-9 p.m.

The event features a petting zoo, apple-bobbing, story telling, door-to-door trick-or-treating, clowns and scarecrows. Residents of the senior community will wear costumes and prepare bags of treats and balloons for all children attending.

"The residents get so excited," said Sonja Givens, executive director. "It's like one big family. The residents, staff and members of the El Cerrito community that have supported this event for years."

Details: 234-5200.

### Halloween fun at Tilden

Tilden Regional Park hosts a free Halloween Hike on Sunday 10 a.m.-noon, led by Alan Kaplan. Why do you dress up funny, cut up gourds, put out candy for strangers to eat? We'll talk about the customs and lore of Halloween as we look for black and orange things in nature. Don't forget to fall back one hour.

The Tilden Regional Park Nature Area hosts a free Halloweenie roast led by Alan Kaplan on Sunday 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Before you go out for trick-or-treat, bring your hot dogs to the campfire to eat. Follow the signs to the cooking site, but don't bring masks or costumes.

Details: (510) 525-2233

### Hilltop Halloween

Ghosts and witches, vampires and monsters, ballerinas and even Pokemon characters will prowl the corridors and stores of Hilltop Mall Sunday, Oct. 31, when the center hosts its annual Halloween Trick-or-Treat event.

Costumed youngsters accompanied by adults are invited to visit stores in the center during the haunted hour of 5-6 p.m. to pickup pre-wrapped candy and goodies.

A popular event that attracts thousands of area children each year, Trick-or-Treating at Hilltop has become an area tradition.

Children love to come because they can collect goodies at more than 100 of our stores.

"That's a lot of candy," says Diana Jan-Coelho, marketing director at Hilltop Mall. "And the event is popular with parents because we provide a secure environment where the kids are safe, warm and protected from inclement weather."

Upon arriving at Hilltop, children can pick up trick-or-treat bags at the main entrances, then load up on treats distributed by participating merchants. Hilltop Mall, located on Hilltop Drive, west of Interstate 80, features 135 shops and services along with Macy's, JCPenney and Sears. Shopping hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday.

### Halloween/fall art

An exhibit of seasonal art by local artists Carla Tenret and students is on display at Eunice Cafe, 1162 Solano Ave. in Albany. Tenret has been teaching calligraphy at Albany Adult School for 15 years. You'll find works by her students on display.

### Habitot Halloween

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### Jack O'Lantern Jamboree

Children's Fairyland will celebrate Halloween with the Jack O'Lantern Jamboree on Friday, Oct. 29, and Saturday, Oct. 30, noon-7 p.m.; and Sunday, Oct. 31, noon-4 p.m.

Fairyland is transformed into a gently spooky fantasy land. Wander through the Fantasy Tunnel and the Ghost and Goblin Tunnel. Make magic spells at the Witch School. No need to bring a bag—all treats are ready to

much, crunch and gobble. All are encouraged to come in costume.

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Costumed youngsters accompanied by adults are invited to visit stores in the center during the haunted hour of 5-6 p.m. to pickup pre-wrapped candy and goodies.

A popular event that attracts thousands of area children each year, Trick-or-Treating at Hilltop has become an area tradition.

Children love to come because they can collect goodies at more than 100 of our stores.

"That's a lot of candy," says Diana Jan-Coelho, marketing director at Hilltop Mall. "And the event is popular with parents because we provide a secure environment where the kids are safe, warm and protected from inclement weather."

Upon arriving at Hilltop, children can pick up trick-or-treat bags at the main entrances, then load up on treats distributed by participating merchants. Hilltop Mall, located on Hilltop Drive, west of Interstate 80, features 135 shops and services along with Macy's, JCPenney and Sears. Shopping hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday.

### Halloween/fall art

An exhibit of seasonal art by local artists Carla Tenret and students is on display at Eunice Cafe, 1162 Solano Ave. in Albany. Tenret has been teaching calligraphy at Albany Adult School for 15 years. You'll find works by her students on display.

### Habitot Halloween

Habitot Children's Museum, at Kirttredge Street and Shattuck Avenue, hosts a Habitot Halloween, Oct. 31, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The event is a not-too-spooky Halloween celebration for young children, and includes magic and songs. Come in costume. Registration suggested. Admission: \$4 general; \$6 for the first child age 7 and under; \$3 for each additional child age 7 and under. Details: (510) 647-1111.

### Jack O'Lantern Jamboree

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## 2000 Isuzu Rodeo wrangles some new ideas

Gets more power, smoother ride and 10-year warranty

### Keane on Wheels

By Tom Keane

Isuzu, Japan's oldest truck maker, made a few improvements with its 2000 Rodeo sport utility vehicle. The Rodeo now has more power, a smoother ride and a 10-year warranty.

This powertrain warranty covers the original owner or lessee for 10 years or 120,000 miles. It doesn't seem too long ago that a three-year powertrain warranty was the norm. Isuzu, however, is the first manufacturer in America to stand behind its product for so long.

The warranty means any Isuzu dealer will correct defects in the engine, transmission, steering assembly, suspension and axles until 2010 at no charge to the customer. That clearly demonstrates that Isuzu stands behind its product — with a string attached.

This warranty is transferable, but the string is that the transfer has to be made to an immediate member of the family. Otherwise the warranty reverts to a five-year, 50,000-mile plan.

I have no quarrel with that, and I am impressed that one manufacturer has

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THE 2000 ISUZU RODEO.

**Drive, She Said**

By Denise McLuggage

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"A tennis stroke or a golf swing needs practice. So, too, do your eyes benefit from practice and workouts. Here are a few suggestions."

**Give eyes roadworthy workout**

**H**ave you ever driven along a dark country road and had someone in the car exclaim: "Oh look, a deer!"? Then a child, pipes up: "Two deer! Three! More!" Only then are you aware of vague motion at the edge of your eye. "Oh, yes," you say weakly. And wonder: what if the deer had plunged across the road instead of back into the woods?

Your eyes did not give you the warning you needed. Probably 80 percent of the information needed to drive a car comes through our eyes, yet by the time we're old enough to drive, our visual abilities have begun to diminish.

If you now see only half as well as you

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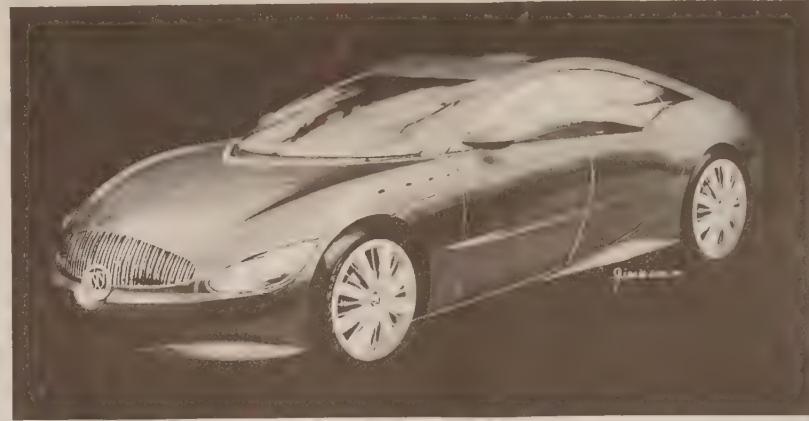
# GM to show off futuristic cars at 2000 auto shows

General Motors has unveiled concept cars that will be introduced in auto shows in Detroit, Los Angeles, Chicago and Geneva in the first half of 2000. All of GM's concept cars use architecture planned for the future, many indicating design directions for their brands.

The Buick LaCrosse is a stylish luxury sedan with distinct Buick design cues, including portholes, but with a pickup truck-like bed. The rear hatch slides onto the roof and the tailgate goes under the car for loading items in the bed. The electronic hatch, tailgate and doors open and close via voice commands.

A computer trackball operates everything inside but the throttle, brakes and steering. The front-drive Buick is powered by a prototype 4.2-liter, 32-valve twin cam V8 engine. Buick officials say the LaCrosse suggests Buick's new design scheme and a vision.

The Saturn CV1 is a compact minivan, station wagon and sport utility features. It seats seven people with two rearward-facing, folding jump seats. Windows are large for a panoramic view. Bi-fold doors slide along tracks to open rearward and forward for access to the interior. Its powertrain is an ultra-low emission 2.2-liter four-cylinder engine with a continuously variable transmission for high fuel efficiency. The CV1 comes with all-wheel drive and plastic body panels. Saturn plans to gauge consumer reaction at auto shows for direction in designing future Satellites.



**BUICK'S CONCEPT** LaCrosse converts to a carrier of oversized cargo when panels open via voice command.

## Down the Road

By Michelle Krebs

**The Oldsmobile Profile** is a new kind of five-passenger sports sedan. With styling cues borrowed from the Aurora, the Profile has power sliding rear doors and a mobile communications system that provides real-time traffic reports, voice mail, and e-mail. It comes with a supercharged 3.5-liter twin cam V6, all-wheel drive, shift by wire and Oldsmobile's new stability

control system. GM said the Profile makes a statement regarding Oldsmobile's future direction.

**The GMC Terradyne** has its cab pushed far forward for a roomy interior. Doors slide open and a step automatically lowers. The truck bed expands from six feet to eight by pulling out the drawer-like tailgate. Lockable trunks line the sides of the bed. The Terradyne, with four-wheel-drive, is powered by a 6.6-liter V8 engine. It uses industrial grade materials including stainless steel to fit GMC's future design theme of industrial precision.

**The Chevrolet SSR** looks like old Chevrolet pickup trucks with its prominent front and rear fender flares. Inside, the SSR has the cockpit seating of early Corvettes, but with space for a third person in the center. A power retractable roof allows for open-air motoring.

**GM's Adam Opel AG** will unveil its five-door compact van concept (CCV) based on the popular Zafira minivan sold in Europe. Outfitted for winter, the CCV comes with permanent four-wheel drive and a plastic hatch lid that doubles as a toboggan.

## Rodeo

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taken a step to stand behind its product for so long.

The improved ride is the result of a system called Intelligent Suspension Control. This system constantly adjusts the shocks according to the condition of the road.

This is not a major improvement, as the Rodeo always has been a comfortable riding SUV. It is known for its strong and rigid body structure, allowing the manufacturer to build a good suspension system.

However, the SIC incorporates the engine rpm, vehicle speed and G-sensors into controlling the shock valve blow-off points to reduce even further the brake-drive and body-roll rates all resulting in an even more comfortable ride.

Another feature for which the Isuzu is recognized is off-road travel — the rougher, the better. This SUV has more than eight inches of ground clearance and the underside has extra protection should it cross the path of a large rock. I drove the Rodeo over terrain designed to give any SUV a rough workout and encountered no difficulty whatsoever.

During this trek, I couldn't help but notice the contrast of the interior to the rugged road in the wilderness in which I was traveling. I happened to be in the LS model at the time, but both the S model and top-of-the-line LSE model are quite complete with interior passenger comfort.

One of the comforts is a sound system that accommodates both cassette and six CDs. The radio has large buttons and dials and the quality of the sound is far above par.

My tester included power windows and door locks, plus roof rails with crossbars for hauling bikes, skis, or kayaks. The Isuzu people told me the seats have been completely redesigned and the air conditioning system has a new compressor to more

effectively decrease the interior air temperature.

The Rodeo is a five-passenger SUV with more than adequate storage space. Should there be a need to haul extra long cargo, the backrest of the 60/40 rear seat can be lowered.

2000 year prices are not yet available, but I'm told they will be just about the same as last year. That suggests that an LS model with average equipment will go for about \$28,000.

The Rodeo is available with the choice of two engines. One is the improved all-aluminum 3.2-liter, 24 valve, 4-cam V6 engine. It is a 205 horsepower engine that produces 214 ft-lb of torque.

The other engine is a four-cylinder 2.2-liter that develops 130 horsepower and 144 ft-lbs of torque.

Although the Rodeo hasn't undergone any radical changes, it proved to me that this old truck maker still had a few tricks up its sleeve.

### SPECIFICATIONS

2000 ISUZU RODEO

- VEHICLE TYPE 5-passenger, 4-door 4WD SUV
- BASE PRICE est. \$25,000 to \$28,000
- ENGINE TYPE 6-cylinder, DOHC 24-valve w/MFI
- DISPLACEMENT 3.2-liter
- HORSEPOWER 205 at 5400 rpm
- TORQUE (lb-ft) 214 at 3000 rpm
- TRANSMISSION 4-speed automatic
- WHEELBASE 106 in. 2702 mm
- OVERALL LENGTH 177 in.

## Eyes

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used to and essential information is in the half that's missing, then you are driving at increasingly greater risk. What can you do? Change your driving habits to reflect your reduced eyesight. Make certain that any eyeglass prescription is up-to-date. Consider eye surgery. New techniques have improved some vision problems dramatically.

There's something else you can do to make sure you are seeing as well as you can with the eyes that you have — exercise them. A tennis stroke or a golf swing needs practice. Muscle-tone improves with sessions at the gym. So, too, do your eyes benefit from practice and workouts. Here are a few suggestions:

### The basket game

Put up to a dozen objects in a straw basket or mixing bowl so that they are all at least partially visible to a glance inside. The objects can be a marble, a set of keys, a playing card, a ring, a rubber band, any variety of easily recognizable things. In turns, players are allowed a short glimpse of the basket contents. Then they are to write down what they saw. The winner is the one who correctly recalls the most objects. (To discourage guesses deduct for each wrong answer.)

The basket game helps train the eye to take in more information with each glance. As players improve, shorten the glimpse time and increase the number of objects. Reward greater detail such as "four keys on a ring" rather than "a key ring."

### Moving target

Driving a car and awaiting a pitched baseball have a certain similarity; they both deal with movement and what is called "dynamic visual acuity." The difference, of course, is the hitter wants to hit the ball and the driver wants to miss the surprise pickup. Jugglers excel in this department. Maybe you'll want to try your two hands at it. Start with something soft like the kid's Beanie Babies.

W.C. Fields was said to have such keen eyes he could read even the small print on a spinning 78 rpm record label. If you have an old turntable, try that. Or try this: Sit in

a chair spaced between two people facing each other (standing or seated) six to 10 feet apart. Move two or three feet off the direct line. They toss back and forth between them assorted tennis balls and you are to read and call out the brand of each: "Penn," "Dunlop," "Wilson."

### Near, middle, far

Have a partner keep calling out those words in random order. In answer you focus appropriately on an object near to you, one in the middle-distance and one far away. As you hear the call, switch your focus from one to the other. The partner watches your eyes for hesitancy or meandering moves. Ideally your eyes should track directly from one object to the next.

You can practice this on your own, at your desk, or while waiting at a traffic light. It's like lifting weights for your eyes and it will make the focusing muscles stronger.

### Line'em up

Poke holes through two tennis balls and thread them with a length (30 feet) of heavy cord. Slide one ball to about 6 feet from its end and the other ball 8 feet from its end. Pass the cord around an upright (i.e. a small tree) and back away until the line is taut. Holding the free ends of the cord at eye level and a foot or two apart, sight down the cord and pull the ends until the balls look equidistant from your eyes. Lower the apparatus to the ground and check the results. Move the balls about and keep at it to train your depth perception.

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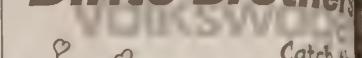
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# 1953 Packard Caribbean runs in the family

## Classic Classics

By Vern Parker

power. The 122-inch wheelbase provided a cushy ride for the sole occupant of the 18-foot, 4-inch-long car.

The gorgeous Packard Caribbean essentially was a regular Packard convertible sent to a customizer with instructions to mildly alter it and make it a visual knockout.

Fully 750 Caribbeans were built and sold with a base price of \$5,210. Rival Cadillac was offering a similar car called Eldorado priced at \$7,750. Only 532 Eldorados were sold. All Caribbeans came equipped with a specialty-style spare fire, which had a "built-in" appearance since the rear fenders were extended 10 inches.

"This is apparent," Delaney said, "when you have to change taillight bulb and are obliged to reach all the way through the fender to the tail light."

Packard's credo of "Above all else durability and quality is to be upmost serving customers" was certainly adhered to in the construction of this car. It featured a "Wonderbar" signal-seeking radio

with a power antenna months before Cadillac, Delaney said.

The engine hood profile was lowered and a functional hood scoop was added. This was no simple stamping job — it was accomplished by cutting out the interior of the hood and replacing it with the sculpted finished product finished off in lead. It weighed 152 pounds and required a sturdy prop to hold it upright above the traditional yoke-collar grille.

The car had been driven 38,000 miles when Delaney bought it, and he has added another 20,000 miles in the intervening 22 years.

All of the Caribbeans were built in Iona, Mich., by Mitchell-Bentley, a specialty machine- and metal-fabricating shop. "There's a terrific amount of custom bodywork in this car," Delaney explains.

The Caribbean features exclusive rocker panels and wheel opening molding built on a lowered chassis.

No corners were cut in the production of this special gulf green Packard. The all-leather interior is hand stitched. "Ain't no plastic in this car," Delaney proudly states.

A dealer-installed option was the set of cloisonne centered hubcaps to



PAUL DELANEY'S 1953 Packard Caribbean.

highlight the center of the 56-chrome nipple-spoked wheels wrapped with 8.20x15-inch tires.

Delaney said his Caribbean is equipped as if he had ordered the car himself. It has power brakes as announced by the "Easematic" on the brake pedal, power steering and unbelievably in a luxury car, a manual transmission with overdrive instead of Ultramatic. It's an old hot rodder's dream, Delaney said enthusiastically.

Additionally, to Delaney's delight, the car is equipped with manually operated seats and windows. Like all Packards, Delaney said, his car is "overengineered." He notes that his car is number 716 out of the 750 manufactured.

With the single, four-barrel, down-draft Carter carburetor feeding fuel to the engine, Delaney says, "it's an awfully nice car to drive." The 110-

mph speedometer has reportedly been tested to its limits.

The car has been repainted, with Delaney guessing it was done in the late 1960s or early 1970s. He knows the front bumper was replaced in April 1969, since that date is etched on the backside of the bumper.

But is this convertible stable? "It's not more solid than a sedan, but it's not less. It's a Packard," Delaney said.

## Take your ticks to tech for ears-on diagnostic

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1997 Mercury Mountaineer 5.0-V8 with 75,000 miles. Over the last 10,000 miles it has developed a ticking sound coming from the lower portion of the engine on the passenger side. The sound is noticeable the first 10 minutes of operation, and increases with engine speed. Is this noise anything to be concerned about? Jim

**Dear Jim:** Before I could comment about your concern, I would have to hear the actual noise. Any sound can be checked by a professional technician. The V8 has been around for many years, and is very reliable. Leave the vehicle night at a repair shop so they can hear the sound.

### Ask the Auto Doc

By Junior Damato

**Toronto falls flat**

**Dear Doctor:** I own a 1990 Oldsmobile Toronado that starts fine, but as soon as I put it in drive the engine stalls. It has to warm up for two or three minutes before I can put it in drive. The rest of the day the engine runs fine. The dealership replaced the idle air control motor, but I still have the same problem. Please advise. Ken

**Dear Ken:** The first mistake was not going back to the dealer the next day and leaving the car overnight. You could have one or more problems. Start with the prom computer number to make sure it has been updated (refer to T.S.B. No. 91-7-185A). Next, check fuel pressure and spark output, coolant temperature sensor

tions on what I should do? Annette

**Dear Annette:** There are no Technical Service Bulletins on engine noise on your Explorer. Leave the car at the dealership overnight and the next day be there with the lead technician to listen for the engine noise when he starts the engine in the morning. It is very possible the noise could be a hydraulic lifter bleeding down over night.

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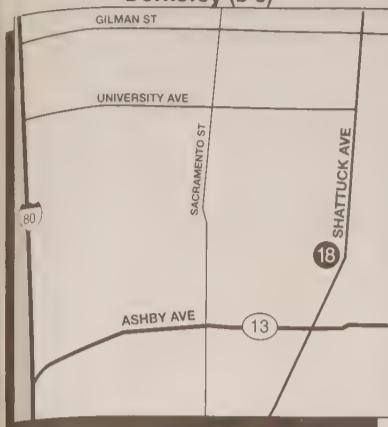
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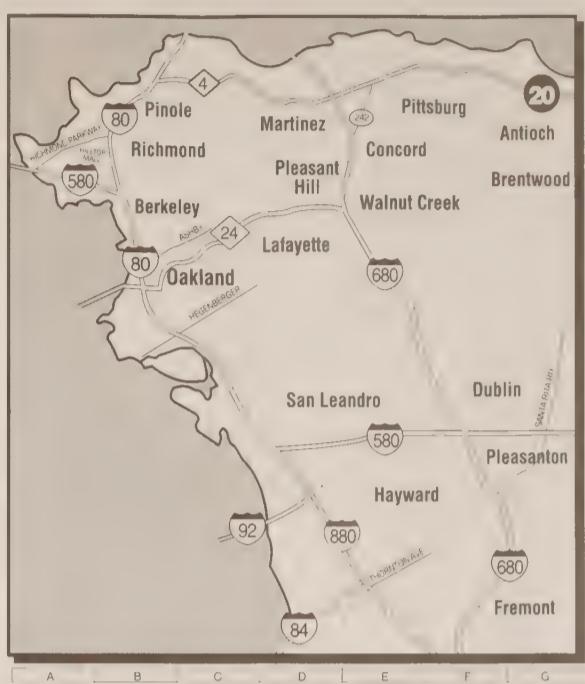
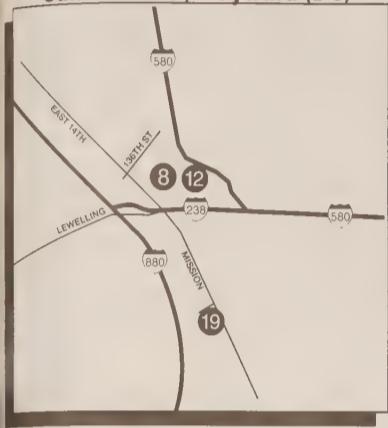
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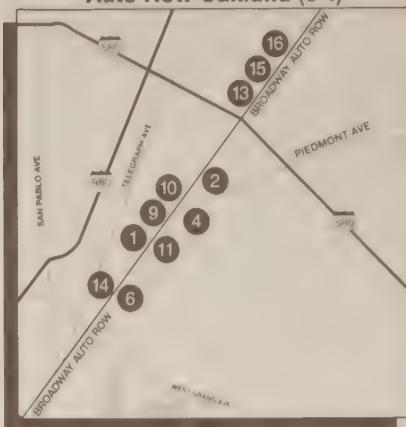
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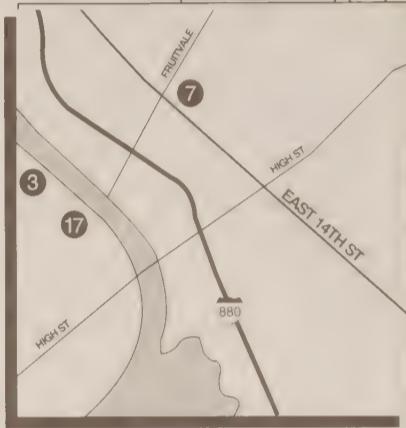
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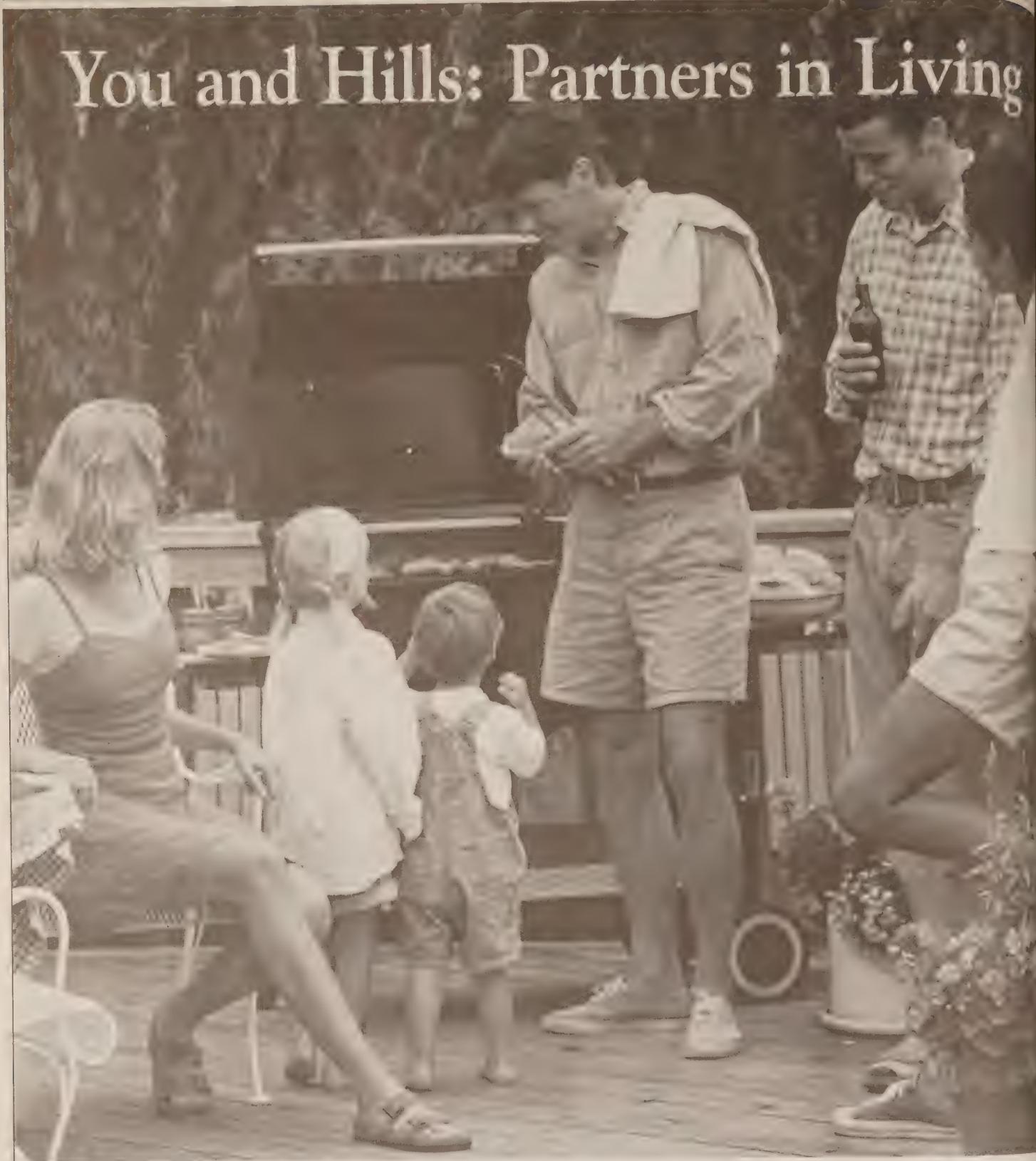
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mi., new tire, exc. cond.  
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mi., red., pw. br., spcl. rwd.,  
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mi., \$8500/obd. (925) 825-1938

SATURN '86 Legacy, 5 spd.,  
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SATURN '85 Legacy, 5 spd.,  
A/T, A/C, pw. sunr., 10K  
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SATURN '84 Legacy, 5 spd.,  
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SATURN '83 Legacy, 5 spd.,  
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SATURN '82 Legacy, 5 spd.,  
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SATURN '44 Legacy, 5 spd.,  
A/T, A/C, pw. sunr., 10K  
mi., \$8500/obd. (925) 825-1938

SATURN '43 Legacy, 5 spd.,  
A/T, A/C, pw. sun